

NEW CHIEF HITS
HARD BLOW UPON
GERMANS FRONT

French Penetrate Enemy's
Lines to Depth of Two
Miles in Verdun Sector.

In Meantime Advance of
Teutons Continues Un-
checked on Balkan Front.

British Take the Offensive
Against Turks in Mesopo-
tania Near Kut-el-Amara.

Two great battles that suddenly
developed on the western front gives
that theatre of war parallel interest
with Rumanian operations today.

The sudden smash of the French
at Verdun, where they won back im-
portant positions over a front be-
tween six and seven miles wide, was
followed by a German drive in West
Flanders.

Near Zillebeke the Germans reached
the second line positions of the
British.

In the fighting east of the Meuse
(Verdun front) during Friday and
last night the French captured pris-
oners that are now estimated at
more than 9,000 in number, includ-
ing more than 200 officers and a
number of heavy guns.

It was the first stroke of General
Nivelle, who has just succeeded Gen-
eral Joffre.

In Rumania the advance of the
German allies continues unchecked.
Russian forces that were trying to
hold back the German, Turkish and
Bulgarian hosts, are in retreat.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The powerful
stroke of the French on the Verdun
front, by which German positions
over a six mile front were penetrated
to a depth of nearly two miles was
accepted today as conclusive proof
that the policy of the new com-
mander-in-chief, General Nivelle, will
be one of the most aggressive offense.

Capturing the villages of Vau-
crayville and Louvemont, the fort-
ified farm of Chambrettes and the
Hardaumont redoubt places the Ger-
man positions on the western side
of the Meuse in danger, as the
French can now put them under a
cross fire with their heavy artillery.

Fighting as violent as that which
marked the earlier stages of the
Verdun battle raged east of the
Meuse all day Friday and last night.

Using their heavy artillery, the
Germans bombarded the newly won
positions of the French in prepara-
tion for counter assaults.

That the Germans were taken by
surprise by the French offensive is
shown by the large number of pris-
oners captured. It is estimated that
more than 7,500 German prisoners,
including 200 officers, are in French
hands.

As the Germans fell back towards
Chambrayville and Beaumont, the
French set to work consolidating
their new positions and this work
was carried on during the night
despite the heavy bombardment of
the Germans.

BERLIN, Dec. 15, via London,
Dec. 16.—On the eve of Berlin's new
closing ordinance, effective tonight,
which requires cafes, theatres and
hotels to shut at 11:30 p. m., and
stores at 9 p. m., in addition to min-
imizing the amount of light used, the
police president today issued an
order requesting street cars, sub-
ways and elevated to shut down at
the same hour as the cafes. The ob-
ject of these measures is to effect a
saving in coal.

BRITISH IN MESOPOTAMIA
Take Offensive Against Turks South
of Kut-el-Amara.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—British troops
have taken the offensive in the re-
gion of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesop-
tania, and have occupied Turkish
positions on the Hai river, south of
Kut-el-Amara, says an official state-
ment. In the offensive movement
the British crossed to the right bank
of the Hai river and took Turkish
trenches near Kala Haji Fahan, two
and a half miles from Kut-el-Amara.
The statement follows:
"Our forces on the Tigris assum-
ed the offensive Wednesday and
Thursday. The Turkish positions
about Sannayyat, on the left bank,
were subjected to an effective bom-
bardment.

"During Wednesday night British
forces secured the left bank of the
Hai river between Atab and Basrugi-
yah; crossed to the right bank and
secured the ground to a depth of
from one to one and a half miles, the
cavalry subsequently clearing the
Turkish troops from their trenches
on the right bank about Kala Haji
Fahan. The positions occupied are
being consolidated by our infantry.
Our casualties were slight.

"Kala Haji Fahan is on the right
bank of the Hai river two and one-
half miles from Kut-el-Amara. Atab
is on the left bank and one-half
miles from Kut-el-Amara."

Weather for Ohio
and Vicinity

Cloudy and not so cold
tonight and Sunday
probably snow.

Temperature at
Solar Refinery

4 a. m., below zero... 1
9 a. m., above " ... 9
12 m. ... 17
2 p. m. ... 17

DEATHS FOLLOW AS
COLD WAVE GOES ON

Chicago Faces Coal Famine
With City in the Grip of
Biting Zero Weather.

Central and Southern Ohio
Suffers; Many Factories
Are Compelled to Close.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 16.—A sig-
net ring with the initials worn away
is the only clue to the identity of a
man of about 60 whose body was
found along the Nickel Plate tracks
by railroad employees early today.
Police believe the man was beating
his way on the bumpers of a freight
car and was forced by the biting
cold to relinquish his hold.

A woman of 50 was found lying
unconscious by police at midnight.
She was scantily clad and near
death. Physicians at St. Alexis hos-
pital say she has slight chance for
recovery and will likely be unable
to reveal her own identity.

The local weather, this morning
promised a rise in temperature dur-
ing the day. A bright sun aided in
boosting the mercury from the low
point, four above. Gas pressure,
however, failed to revive, and many
east end homes made the best of
cold breakfasts.

The milk men took a fling at suf-
fering Cleveland and tightened up
on the supply. Deliveries were
smaller today than since the em-
bargo was inaugurated. Prospects
for Sunday and Monday deliveries
are bad. The two largest milk con-
cerns are getting no milk because
they refuse to pay the price demand-
ed by the producers and the only de-
livery being made is that by small
independents.

CHICAGO FACES COAL FAMINE.

Zero Weather Sends Fuel Prices to
Top Notch.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Chicago,
caught in the grip of zero weather
today is facing a coal famine, with
what little is on hand selling at
almost prohibitive prices. Manufac-
turers are buying all they can re-
gardless of price and as a result an-
thraxite is being quoted at \$10.50
a ton and soft coal at \$6.50, with
none to be had except here and
there.

The supply, dealers said, is 1,000-
000 tons short of normal. The sup-
ply on hand is expected to be suf-
ficient for from five to six days, but
no relief can be seen before two or
three weeks. Dealers are supplying
their contract purchasers with from
50 to 90 per cent of their contract
amounts in order to aid the smaller
buyer.

The shortage of freight cars which
was blamed for lack of coal is said
to have been only slightly relieved
by a state utilities commission or-
der raising the rates of demurrage.

CENTRAL OHIO SUFFERS.

Factories at Zanesville are Losers;
Four Below Zero.

Zanesville, O., Dec. 16.—Four be-
low and low pressure gas here
this morning. Factories, especially
textiles and tile industries depend-
ent upon gas, suffered material
losses. The Muskingum river, for
the first time in years this early in
the season, is covered with three-
inch ice.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 16.—The
mercury this morning went down to
four below zero and the light flow
of gas has caused much suffering
among many of those entirely de-
pendent upon it.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—The
lowest official temperature recorded
at the Columbus weather bureau
during the night was four-tenths
of a degree below zero. Other ther-
mometers in the outskirts of the city
registered four below. Low gas
pressure caused considerable dis-
comfort.

One fireman was overcome and
lost estimated at \$40,000 caused by
a spectacular all night fire which
destroyed the six-story grain elevator
of the Buckeye Grain and Milling
Company. The blaze was fed by
thousands of bushels of grain and
fanned by a high wind.

IT'S A BIG JOB
TO REJUVENATE
THE OLD PARTY

Members of the Committee
Named for That Purpose
Make but Little Headway.

Rumor is Now Current That
Wertz Will Not Get the
Much-Desired Judgeship

COLUMBUS, Dec. 16.—Effacing
themselves the members of the spe-
cial committee of nine appointed to
make recommendations for the re-
habilitation of the republican party
in Ohio has agreed to ask the state
central committee to appoint an ad-
visory committee of 25 members to
take charge of this task. In accord-
ance with this plan Chairman D. Q.
Morrow, of the state central commit-
tee, announced it would be sum-
moned into special session December 28
to act upon the recommendation.

To predict that it will be accepted
is perfectly safe for the reason that
the special committee has taken final
action so far as a majority of its
members are concerned. In the words
of United States Senator Warren G.
Harding, who acted as spokesman of
the meeting here yesterday, the new
committee is not to supplant or su-
percede the state executive commit-
tee, because that body was created
specifically for the campaign only
and therefore is defunct.

In effect, however, the meeting left
the republican situation just as it
was found the morning after election.
No recommendation for a permanent
party manager or publicity agent was
made, although there has been a liv-
ely competition for these appoint-
ments. The special committee of
nine recommends the creation of
these places and also of the establish-
ment of a permanent state headquar-
ters, but it passes the burden of ac-
tion to the state central committee.

May Not Be Wertz.
There appeared today to be strong
likelihood that Ed S. Wertz will not
be appointed United States judge for
northern Ohio. Attorney-General
Gregory conferred with the president
about this appointment, but made no
announcement after the conference.

Justice John H. Clarke, the Attorney-
General and Secretary of War Baker
are listed as against Wertz.

ALIEN LEFT SMALL ESTATE

Settlement Through Austrian Consul
Will be Tedious Affair.

DELPHOS, O., Dec. 16.—Settling
the affairs of Joseph Mellic, the Aus-
trian who was killed by an Ohio
Electric car a mile west of Delphos
last week, promises to be a rather
tedious job for some one. Mellic
had a small amount of money in his
pockets at the time of his death and
a few hours before he was killed he
had deposited \$50 in a Delphos
bank. There are some claims against
the man for local accounts, and
these will be filed against his estate
when an administrator is named.

Mellic is said to have a wife in
Austria and if this is the case she
would be interested in any estate he
might have here. The Austrian U. S.
consul will likely come into the case
as a result.

SHOT BY A HIGHWAY ROBBER

Man May Die Because He Declined
to Throw Up Hands.

ALLIANCE, O., Dec. 16.—Thomas
Early, 51, cement contractor, may
pay with his life for his refusal to
throw up his hands early today when
a negro pushed a .22 revolver in his
face. The negro fired two shots,
both of which struck him in the
head. Early made a lunge for him
but the assailant escaped without
robbing his victim.

PROPOSES REBUILDING
U. S. COUNTRY ROADS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The na-
tion's rural road system needs re-
planning, Professor Frank A. Waugh,
of the Massachusetts Agricultural
college, Amherst, Mass., today told
the delegates to the convention of the
American Civic association.

"Our present rural road system
was planned years ago and in some
sections they were laid out a hun-
dred years ago," he said. "Traffic
conditions were vastly different then,
the automobile had not been invented
and a large portion of the crops pro-
duced on each farm were consumed
or manufactured at home.

"Up to the present time major im-
provements have been confined to di-
rect trunk lines connecting large con-
centers of population. Such roads, there-
fore, are especially valuable for the
movement of heavy freight and are
now being used extensively by auto-
mobile trucks."

GERMANY'S PEACE BEARER.



Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who in the reichstag announced the terms under which Germany is prepared to negotiate toward a lasting peace in Europe.

POSTMASTER GIVEN ADDITIONAL BONDS
2 PERMANENT MEN WILL BE PROVIDED

Uncle Sam Finally Decides
to Strengthen Force at
the Postoffice in Lima.

Additional Wagons Are to
be Put on Monday to Han-
dle the Holiday Business.

Postmaster James E. Sullivan was
notified this morning that provi-
sions have been made for two addi-
tional clerks at the Lima office, to
serve permanently. Accompanying
the pleasing announcement were in-
structions to put the two men on
immediately.

The local force, consisting of 22
clerks, has been over-worked for
many months. Sometime ago the
postmaster called attention to this
fact, and showed plainly why the
Lima office should have at least two
additional men. An inspector was
sent here, and after remaining sev-
eral days returned to Washington
impressed with the fact that Mr.
Sullivan had not asked for the addi-
tional help a minute before he
needed it.

Upon receipt of word to employ
the two men Mr. Sullivan promoted
Byron W. Snyder, a sub-clerk to the
position of clerk in the mailing de-
partment, and Byron Langan, who
was on the first eligible list, to be a
clerk in the department of distribu-
tion. Both started upon their duties
this morning.

It was stated by Postmaster Sul-
livan this afternoon that the week
just closing has been far ahead of
the same week last year, and that all
indications point to the biggest
year's business, as a whole, and
Christmas in particular, that the
Lima office has ever known.

Extra men to handle the holiday
business will be put to work Mon-
day morning, and at least five addi-
tional wagons will be put on to look
after the parcel business. It is
hoped to keep everything cleaned up
each day, and considering the thou-
sands of parcels that must be han-
dled besides the first class mail, this
is going to be no small task.

2 KILLED IN TANK EXPLOSION

Standard Oil Station Wrecked and
Wide Region Shaken.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 16.—Two men
were killed and several injured in an
explosion which wrecked two sta-
tions of the Standard Oil Company
at Wood River, Ill., near here, early
today, and threatened the destruc-
tion by fire of ten large tanks filled
with oil. The shock of the explo-
sion was felt for miles around.

WHITE WINGS MAY
YIELD TO MOTOR RIVAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The fa-
mous New York City "white wings",
or street cleaner, with his brush and
can on wheels, may soon be a thing
of the past. The city is experiment-
ing with a motor-driven vehicle
which combines the flushing of the
pavement with a hose, and the func-
tions of the "squeegee", a horse-
drawn rubber brush for asphalt sur-
faces and the ordinary horse-drawn
street brush. In heavy traffic the
motor covered 80,000 square yards
of pavement within eight hours.

CONGRESS TODAY

House and senate met at noon.
Brigadier General Henry P. Mc-
Cain discussed army legislation
with the house military affairs
committee.

House judiciary committee con-
sidered Smith bill for creation of
additional United States circuit
judges.

Representative Gard of Ohio
introduced a bill to admit milita-
men disabled on border duty to
soldiers' homes.

House sent immigration bill to
conference.

House resumed consideration of
the legislative, executive and ju-
dicial appropriation bill.

Senate renewed consideration
of the dry district bill.

HEAD OF BUSINESS
SCHOOL DROPS DEAD

Howard W. Pears Succumbs
on Street While Return-
ing Home From Banquet.

Was Widely Known in This
Section and Enjoyed the
Respect of All People.

Following a pleasant evening at
the annual dinner of local Knights
of Pythias, during which time he ap-
peared to be in splendid health,
Howard W. Pears, widely known as
head of the Lima Business College,
dropped dead on North Elizabeth
street, near the Armstrong garage,
about midnight Friday.

In company with Dr. Oliver
Steiner, he was returning from the
dinner. Dr. Steiner was surprised
when he noticed Mr. Pears fall to
the sidewalk, and feared he had slip-
ped on the ice. Upon attempting
to aid him he saw life was extinct.
Efforts to revive him with a pul-
motor failed. Death is believed to
have been due to acute indigestion.
He had not been in the best of
health, but nothing serious was an-
ticipated.

Death occurred almost in front of
the Steiner apartments, just off of
West Market street, on the opposite
side of the street. The body was
removed to the Williams and Davis
mortuary and later conveyed to the
saddened home at 747 West North
street.

Mr. Pears was born in Mayfield,
Ohio, 43 years ago. He was edu-
cated in the schools of Willoughby,
Ohio, and was engaged as a teacher
in Lake county for several terms.
He was graduated from a business
college in Colorado Springs in 1890
and served for a year as private sec-
retary, later opening up a school
of stenography.

He returned to Ohio in 1893 and
opened the Lima Business college,
which he has successfully operated
since, being at the head of an insti-
tution which has placed hundreds of
young people on a self-supporting
basis.

With an enrollment of but 40 in
the start, the institution has grown,
under his personal supervision until
several hundred are now annually
enrolled. The institution was later
incorporated for \$50,000 and only re-
cently constructed the handsome new
building just off West High street,
on Elizabeth.

The widow, who before her mar-
riage was Miss Anna Schnabel,
daughter of Mrs. Charles Schnabel,
matron at the rest room at the court
house, and two sons, William and
Robert, are left. He was a member
of the Central Church of Christ on
West North street and one of the
deacons.

In politics he was a democrat and
served two terms as representative
from Allen county. He was gener-
ally known all over the city and
county, and news of his death comes
as a severe shock, not only to his
family, but hundreds of friends.

Private funeral services will be
held on Monday afternoon at two
o'clock at the late residence at 747
West North street. The Rev. A. B.
Honzel, pastor of the Central Church
of Christ, with whom he was so ac-
tively connected in the work of the
church, will conduct the services.
The body will rest in the receiving
vault in Woodlawn cemetery.

Friends of the family and those
who wish to view the body may do
so until the hour of 12 o'clock on
Monday. After that time the casket
will be closed.

CATTLE THIEVES ARE KILLED

Sheriff's Posse in Arkansas Rounds
Up Gang.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 16.—
Two of three men discovered steal-
ing cattle in Garland county Thurs-
day and pursued into the mountains
have been killed by a sheriff's posse
and the third captured, according
to word received here today. The
dead men have been identified as
Hamp Stark, 21, and George Bailey,
25. The prisoner is David Short,
18. The gang is said to have ter-
rorized farmers for months by their
depredations.

BRITAIN HOLDS
DECIDING VOTE
ON PEACE PLAN

England is Financing the
War and Her Attitude
Governs Allies' Action.

President Wilson, a Report
Says, Will Soon Make
Move to End World War.

Action of Russian Duma is
Regarded as Important in
Most European Circles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Great
Britain alone will decide the reply
of the entente allies to Germany's
peace proposals. This was made very
plain in diplomatic circles here to-
day. The action of the Russian
duma, suggestions from Italy that
the war must go on, and French op-
position to peace "excepting with the
sword," have no material bearing on
the situation, diplomats say. Eng-
land is financing the war and her al-
lies will accept her decision in the
view of the entire diplomatic corps,
as well as President Wilson and his
advisers.

Although official and diplomatic
circles continue pessimistic in their
views of the final result of the Ger-
man suggestions that the Teuton al-
lies were ready to "talk peace,"
there was some encouragement being
taken from the changed attitude of
Great Britain. The fact that sources
closest to the British embassy here
admit that there will be real con-
sideration of the peace suggestion is
at least a step forward. If no other
action is taken than to consider the
proposal on its merits, officials say
that a ground-work will have been
laid for renewal of some kind of
peace negotiations at a later date.

President Wilson is determined to
take some step within the near fu-
ture to try to end the war. Just
how he will move still remains to be
decided. It is admitted that to have
accompanied the German suggestion
with a request for action when all
that Germany asked at the hands of
the United States was that the propo-
sition "be transmitted" easily could
have been considered officious by the
entente. But there is no reason why
officials say, this country should not
independently move for peace in
view of its position between the
fires of all belligerents.

Summary of the views of cabinet
officials who carefully insist that
they are not "quoting the presi-
dent," indicated that his present po-
sition is about as follows:

He is convinced that any action by
this government must be of a formal
character. The rights of the United
States are very materially concern-
ed because of the continued infringem-
ent of its rights under existing in-
ternational law. This being so, it
is its duty to speak freely regarding
the advisability of forcing an end of
the war without fear of giving of-
fense to any one. The administra-
tion now is receiving, through its
diplomatic representatives, the real
facts as to how the various nations
feel towards peace, this information
being forwarded to the state de-
partment from the several capitals
in code and not being subject to cen-
sorship. When that information is
all compiled the president will decide
just what action he will take.

RUSSIAN VOTE HAS EFFECT.

British Cabinet Officer Declares
Peace Plan Must Be Considered.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The action of
the Russian duma in voting unani-
mously against accepting Germany's
peace proposal created a profound
impression here today.

The news came just at the time
when the French launched their new
and successful offensive on the Ver-
dun front and these two develop-
ments are expected to have a far-
reaching influence on the treatment
of the German peace proposals by
England and her allies.

The newspapers comment at
length upon the speech of Arthur
Henderson before the Steel Smelters'
Association last night when he said:
"They (the peace proposals) must
be examined with the greatest pos-
sible care. The people of this coun-
try are prepared to accept peace to-
day as in August, 1914, provided
that peace is both just and perma-
nent. Indemnity for the peace is
not enough unless we are guaranteed
for the future are not enough without
reparation for all Belgium, France,
Serbia and Poland have suffered.
If Germany's present overtures are
only a ploy, and if it is shown she
is merely attempting an armistice to
obtain a breathing space which will
furnish her with opportunity to lay
fresh plans of an aggression, then,
I say whatever may be the tempta-
tion to the people of these islands
we must set our faces like the steel
you work upon against her propo-
sals."

Mr. Henderson is a member of the
war council and a member of the
cabinet without a portfolio.

VEGETABLE MARKET NOW HOLDS STEADY

**Lima Housewives Can Find
Both Quantity and Qual-
ity in the Local Groceries.**

**Flour Drops a Few Cents,
but Potatoes Are Still
Selling at a High Figure.**

Despite the fact that the week just closing saw a tightening up of the weather, shipments of green goods into Lima were abundant, and as a rule there was no increase in retail prices. The Lima housewife will be able to fill her market basket, insofar as vegetable go, as cheaply tonight as she did last Saturday evening.

In the green goods line cabbage is here in considerable quantity, and the quality is good at 5c a pound. Sweet potatoes are small, but are finding a ready sale at 5c and 6c. The Irish potato refuses to budge from his present lofty position, and buying today in bushel quantities will not get the price below \$1.80. There's plenty of turnips at 30c a peck, and parsnips may be had for 25c at most any grocery. Nice Michigan celery commands 5c a bunch, cucumbers from 5c to 8c, and green onions, the very nicest ones, may be had at the rate of three bunches for a dime. There is no famine in Hubbard squash, and while a slow sale the housewife who has learned what a delicious dish it is when properly prepared, is glad to keep them moving a little at 5c a pound. Lettuce is nice in quality, and ranges from 10c to 12c.

In the fruit line there has been no change since last Saturday. Plenty of Catawba grapes are here at 15c a pound, hand-picked apples are running around \$1.40 a bushel.

In the produce line the expected drop a dozen mark for eggs was not touched this week. This evening sees them retailing at 42c a dozen. Country butter is retailing at 40c and creamery at 45c, but the former is apt to tighten up a few cents by the middle of the coming week. Dressed chickens are retailing at 17c.

There is one ray of sunshine throughout the Lima market this week, and that is a slight drop in flour. It is off about 25c on the barrel—not a great deal but enough to warrant the belief that another drop will come next week. A 25 pound sack could be had Saturday as low as \$1.18.

**ANOTHER BLUEBIRD TODAY:
"The Chalice of Sorrow," Royal.
LESSENS THE CHANCE OF
SOME SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

Postmaster J. E. Sullivan has again proven himself "right on the job," and is now being congratulated upon his ability to conserve the life and limb of postoffice patrons.

Heretofore steps leading to the main building, on both the Elizabeth and high street sides, have been very dangerous in winter weather, and several have in years past suffered bad falls. The postmaster has reduced the chance of injury to a minimum by having temporary wooden steps placed at both entrances to the building.

**FOSTORIA MAN TO SPEAK
TO BROTHERHOOD CLASS**

Members of Eugene T. Lippincott's big Brotherhood class of Trinity church are pleased to learn that Mr. W. Q. Allen, Fostoria auto manufacturer, will attend Sunday school at Trinity Sunday morning and will address the class. Mr. Allen is now in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott.

It will be recalled that in a contest last summer the Big Brotherhood lost to Fostoria, and it was Mr. Allen who headed the special Lake Erie & Western train which brought the Fostoria crowd to this city.

**CLEO MADISON STARS:
At Royal today in Bluebird.**

M. J. HARMON ZUBER IS DEAD

Popular Resident of Amanda Township Passes Away This Morning.

Mrs. Harmon Zuber, daughter of Mrs. Louise Mannhardt, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the family residence in Amanda township, on rural route No. 1.

Mrs. Zuber was 56 years of age, and came to this country from Wittenberg, Germany when a child of eight. She has been married 36 years, and is survived by the husband, three brothers, a daughter at the home place and a son in Robertson, Ill. A sister, Mrs. Matilda Smith, resides in Lima.

The funeral will be held at Antioch church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and burial will be in the cemetery there.

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN
COMMON PLEAS COURT**

Two couples were divorced today in common pleas court, Ira Austin being given a decree from Mary E. Austin on the grounds of gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty. He was granted the custody and control of the children. The wife was not in court.

Judge John P. Bailey, of Ottawa, who heard the other case, granted Mrs. Clyde Manly a divorce from Fred Manly, who told the court, had been absent four years.

EXPECT CORN TO DROP

**Embargo on Railway Shipments
Affects Local Market.**

Grain dealers in this city claim that the continued embargo on all freight with the exception of live stock, perishable goods and food for human consumption, which is received from connecting lines with a destination east of Pittsburgh, will result in a sudden drop in the price of corn.

Elevator operators from surrounding cities report that loaded cars of this grain are standing on their sidings as a result of the order issued by transportation departments of different railroads. Railroad officials claim that no relief from the present situation will be offered until the congested condition of yards in the east is remedied.

**WELL-KNOWN FARMER OF
VAUGHNSVILLE IS DEAD**

R. W. Jones, aged 64, one of the best-known farmers of the Vaughnsville section, died Friday morning after a lingering illness. He was quite well known in that part of Putnam and Allen counties, and his death comes as a severe shock to his many friends. A widow and four children, with a sister, Mrs. H. Tudor, of this city, survive his death.

The funeral will be held at the Vaughnsville Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and burial will be in the Comer cemetery.

LOCAL CONSUMERS MUST BE CAREFUL

**Shortage Has Already Been
Noticed in Lima's Supply
of Gas—Must Conserve.**

**Columbus is Hard Hit and
the Situation There is Re-
ported as Being Acute.**

With several days of extremely cold weather a shortage of gas in the local supply has been noticed. Mr. E. R. Curtin, manager of the Lima Natural Gas company stated that there is undoubtedly a shortage in the supply, and that he desired to advise the public of the situation, and that there would be no relief until the weather moderates.

Mr. Curtin stated further that the supply in the field is not sufficient to meet the demand during extremely cold weather. The shortage is not local, as is evidenced by the bulletin from Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo and other cities, which are supplied from the West Virginia field are suffering under the same condition that affects Lima.

Locally all factories and large consumers have been shut off since October 1, and the local management is making every effort possible to give the best service with the supply on hand.

COLUMBUS HARD HIT

**Even the Newspapers Plants Over-
There Fuel a Gas Shortage.**

COLUMBUS, Dec. 16.—(Owing to a gas shortage it is reported the Columbus Gas and Fuel company may shut off the supply of gas some time today to office buildings as well as manufacturing plants. This may affect newspaper plants. Restaurants will be supplied first of all. The situation is said to be acute. Sixty other towns, including Zanesville and Cambridge, supplied by the same company may be affected.

DITCH INJUNCTION DISSOLVED

**J. A. McCartney Loses Case Against
County Commissioners.**

The temporary injunction granted J. A. McCartney of Angalia township when the Allen county commissioners authorized the construction of a ditch which was located near his land, was dissolved by the court today and the case dismissed in favor of the county commissioners, at the cost of McCartney. The injunction had also been made to prevent Walter Toy, surveyor from going on the lands in his work in connection with the ditch.

McCartney averred the ditch was constructed from the value of his land holdings. He gave notice that he would appeal the case and would set at \$100.

WANTS TO EXCHANGE BONDS

**New York Concern Wants Registered
Ones for State Security.**

The secretary of the board of sinking fund trustees has received information from the Harris, Forbes and company, of New York, to the effect that \$35,000 in four per cent bonds had been milled in Lima. In the letter it is requested that the bonds be exchanged for registered bonds.

The registered bonds are to be placed in the hands of the sinking fund trustees of the state of Ohio in trust for the benefit and security of public holders of standard bonds. The company, of Copenhagen, Denmark, but doing business in the United States. The manner in which the total amount is divided and dates they are due is as follows: \$10,000, April 1, 1930; \$10,000, October 1, 1930; \$10,000, April 1, 1931; and \$5,000, April 1, 1931. The bond is part of the one issued by the water improvement

P. O. DEPARTMENT'S SURPLUS IS LARGE

**Report for the Year Shows
More Than Five Million
Dollars on the Right Side.**

**Postmaster-General Makes
a Number of Suggestions
as to Future Betterments**

Postmaster General Burleson's annual report declares there was a postoffice department surplus of \$5,200,990 during the present year and enumerates as among the year's accomplishments improvements of the parcels post, extension of city and rural deliveries and development of the postal savings system.

A surplus of \$12,500,000 is shown says the report for three years of the four the administration has been in office, and it calls attention to deficit under previous administrations.

The department makes many recommendations for improvement of the service. Some of the most important are these:

That early action be taken by congress declaring a government monopoly over all utilities for the public transmission of intelligence and that as soon as possible the telephone and telegraph facilities of the United States be incorporated into the postal establishment.

That \$200,000 be appropriated now for acquiring telegraph and telephone utilities in Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii.

That second class postal rates be revised to make second class matter pay more of its share of transportation expense and that the one cent rate be applied to all so-called drop letters.

That public buildings erected for postoffice purposes be standardized and that their costs be commensurate with the needs of the service. That changes be made in the present building policy, which imposes a fixed charge on the department that has grown burdensome.

**ANOTHER BLUEBIRD TODAY:
"The Chalice of Sorrow," Royal.**

COX INAUGURATION TO BE GREAT AFFAIR

**Columbus Chamber of Com-
merce Plans an Elaborate
Non-Partisan Celebration**

**People of State Will Re-
ceive Every Consideration
in Details of the Plans.**

COLUMBUS, Dec. 16.—As plans for the inauguration of Governor-elect James M. Cox, who will be inducted into office the second time on January 5, assume definite form, indications are that the coming inauguration will be one of the most important and notable in the history of Ohio.

Arrangements are in the hands of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce (Inauguration committee). The inauguration will be a non-partisan affair in every respect and men of all political faiths, as members of the representative body of Columbus business men are working earnestly for the success of the event. Republicans and democrats alike are serving on committees of all of them with two aims in view—to give the Governor-elect a dignified induction into office and to extend Columbus' best brand of hospitality to the thousands of visitors who will be here on January 5.

More than a score of sub-committees have been appointed to arrange details of the various features of the days program and every preparation is being made for the comfort and convenience of the capital city's guests.

The program for inauguration day provides, among other features, the formal induction into office of Mr. Cox, a monster parade immediately after the inaugural ceremony, a public reception following the parade, the inaugural ball, a soiree for visiting newspaper men and other entertainment for the public. Editors of Ohio newspapers, daily, weekly, republican, democratic and independent have been invited to attend the smoker.

The general committee announces that in all its arrangements the general public will receive first consideration, and that the people of the state will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the inauguration of Governor-elect Cox to the greatest possible extent and take a more active part than ever before.

**PARISIAN LIFE MOVED:
In "Behind the Mask," Strand, today.**

**How to Check That Cold,
When it is painful to breathe and fever chills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bull's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pure balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchitis affections quickly relieved. At all Druggists, 25c.**

**PARISIAN LIFE MOVED:
In "Behind the Mask," Strand, today.**

THE CORE

The Men's Brotherhood class of Trinity M. E. will be addressed Sunday morning at 9:15 by W. O. Allen, well-known auto manufacturer of Fostoria.

The Maude Stevens company, dressmakers and impersonators, will appear at the Business Women's club Monday night in the third number of the Lyceum course.

A building permit has been issued W. R. Mummaugh for residence on Rice avenue and Charles street, at cost \$2360 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Corpes are home from Greenville, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Corpes' brother, James Routson.

An informal stag party, with a program that promises to be unusually interesting, will be enjoyed by members of the Lima club tonight.

The general meeting of the City Federation to have been held Friday has been postponed and will be held at the library Dec. 20.

NEED MORE MONEY TO RUN THIS CITY

**For First Half of 1917 Than
Was Used During the
Same Period This Year.**

**Heads of Various Depart-
ments Are Now Handing
Auditor Their Estimates.**

Mayor Simpson this morning filed with City Auditor Rupert an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed to run his office during the first six months of 1917. The total amount asked for by the mayor is \$1,990. The disbursement of the fund is given as follows: Mayor's salary \$1,500, clerk hire, \$450, furniture and fixtures, \$10; stationery, \$10, and incidentals, \$15.

According to the figures of estimates that have so far been filed by heads of different departments of the city, it is evident that the budget that will be asked for to operate the city for the first six months in 1917 will be much in excess of previous years. The reason for the increase is said to be the high cost of commodities used by the city and the increase of salaries granted by the council in the past year.

The estimates that have been submitted are:

Board of health, \$3,655; director of safety, \$4,823; mayor, \$1,990; criminal court, \$930; city auditor, \$1,550; legal advertising \$200; justice courts, \$175; elections \$1,355; miscellaneous \$640. Total, \$55,798.

The following departments have failed to file with the auditor an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed: The city council, clerk of council, James Hoffner, civil service commission; city treasurer, J. P. Jones, city solicitor, Melvin G. Light, and the service department, Al Metheny. The head of the latter department states that the awarding of the numerous contracts within the past couple of weeks caused his inability to submit figures.

THE THREE PALS:

Mike-Louie at Dreamland now, 5c.

SCHOOL BOARD NOW OWNS BAXTER SITE

**New Ward Building to be
Erected Where Fine Old
Homestead Now Stands.**

**When it is Completed, New
Junior High Plan Will be
Placed in Full Operation.**

At a special meeting of the board of education last night, called for the purpose of approving plans and specifications for the wiring of ten grade school buildings, a deal was consummated whereby the old A. C. Baxter home at the corner of Elm and McDowell streets becomes the property of the school board.

According to the intention of the board the new site will be used for the construction of a ward building. According to tentative plans work on this building will begin at the same time work is started on the construction of the South Side High school and the central high gym. The structure is to have 16 rooms.

When the new ward building is completed the six-sixth system, better known as the Junior high plan, will come into vogue. Pupils between the sixth and eighth grades will attend Junior high, which will be housed in the Franklin building.

Members of the board of education claim that the reason for the adoption of this method is to eliminate the decided jump which occurs when pupils enter high school after passing through the eighth grade. It is also believed that this plan will dislodge pupils from becoming discouraged when they reach high school.

**BEHIND THE MASK:
Feature hit Strand, today.**

PROVIDE FLAG FOR COURT HOUSE POLE

**Women's Relief Corps Re-
places Stars and Stripes
Worn Out by Long Usage**

**Banner Will be Plunged to the
Breeze in Memory of
Each Departing Veteran.**

Intention to place a new flag on the Court House pole was made known by the Women's Relief Corps, which has replaced the stars and stripes worn out by long usage. The new flag will be a banner in memory of each departing veteran.

It has been floated once since presented to the post by the corps. For five years it has been the custom to display the American flag upon the death of a veteran in Allen county and keep it flying until earth has closed over all that is mortal of the one who fought for his country.

During all this time the banner became worn, for it was compelled to be up in all kinds of weather. The relief corps, realizing that the flag had served well its part, replaced it with the new one. During the past year the old flag has been raised to the pole, supported by the large cannon, more than 20 times at the announcement of deaths. Henceforth the new flag will display the keen regret felt by veterans and their auxiliary when death invades their ranks.

Mrs. Katie Sibley is president of the relief corps and Mrs. Mary McKelney, secretary. At the regular meeting on next Tuesday evening, the corps is arranging to initiate a class of 17 new members into the order.

The most exquisite line of Xmas greetings, 1c to 50c—Schell's Book Store. 12-St.

**BLUEBIRD'S ALWAYS GOOD!
Cleo Madison, Royal, today.**

**JUDGMENTS CONFESSED IN
FIVE SUITS FOR MONEY**

The Enterprise Stone company, John and Joseph Schmersal and John Scharr have confessed judgment in court in sums aggregating nearly \$5,000, being the amount due, with interest, on notes, given by the parties in favor of the German-American bank. Five separate suits were filed. This court action is an echo of the recent suit in court, to have the stone quarries at Gilboa, in Putnam county, and in Amanda township, Allen county operated by a receiver.

**THE CHALICE OF SORROW:
Cleo Madison Bluebird today**

**NEW OFFICERS SELECTED
BY ROYAL ARCH MASON**

Lima Chapter of Royal Arch Masons had a splendid meeting Friday night, at which time the following officers for 1917 were chosen: Emmett E. Everett, high priest; Charles S. Lathrop, king; Don O. White, scribe; LeRoy E. Justus, captain of host; Christian P. Morris, principal journeyman; Archie L. Nobbs, royal arch captain; Henry C. Seeborn, treasurer; Wallace Landis, secretary; William H. Stoltenbach, G. M. third veil; Carl M. Isham, G. M. second veil; James M. Purdy, G. M. first veil; Perry A. Lown, guard; Edward A. Dean, trustee three years; Henry M. Reed was installing officer; and Gus Kaib, grand marshal.

**KITCHEN STOVE CAUSES
BLAZE AT STEIN HOME.**

The Central and North Side fire departments were called to the residence of Peter Stein, 224 W. McKim street, this morning to extinguish a small blaze in the kitchen. A kitchen stove which was too close to wall was the origin of the fire. Damage slight.

**Coughed Fifteen Years,
Coughs that "hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall, Mable, Va., writes: "For 15 years I was afflicted with a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation of the throat. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me and after taking one bottle I am well."—Lima-Sat.**

**ALLEGED BROTHER RELEASED
FROM JAIL ON BOND.**

David Reynolds, one of the alleged rioters confined in the county jail, being arrested on an indictment for attacking Sheriff Eley with intent to kill, Charles Daniels, was released today on bond in the sum of \$500, provided by H. R. Fetter and others.

**LIMA DOCTORS TO ATTEND
FUNERAL OF KENTON MAN**

Dr. H. T. Hissand, of Kenton, passed away Friday at the Grant hospital, Col. Lins, where he had been a patient for the past week. A number of physicians from Lima will attend the funeral services which will be held at Kenton, Monday afternoon.

While fed and clothing have been varied in cost it is well for the sick that the prices of such articles be tantamount to nothing. As Foley's Kidney Pills are not increased in price, the pills cost little and relieve back pains in sides and joints, cure rheumatism, sciatica, phlegm, etc. in the trouble. H. F. Allen, Lima.

**UP THE BLOCK UP THE BLOCK:
See Ruby Talker at Royal today.**

WILL BE AT THE INSTITUTE

**Horatio Markley Among Good Speakers
to be Heard at Kalm.**



**HORATIO MARKLEY, Morrow
County.**

CONDUCTED CORN BREEDING EXPERIMENT FOR 10 YEARS

**Plants Soybeans and Corn Together to
Balance Ration for Hogging
Down Corn.**

Grain raising, beef cattle and hogs are the specialties of Horatio Markley, who is to speak at the farmers' institute. In addition he has conducted a corn breeding experiment for ten years, producing a high yielding strain of corn. He undertook the plan of planting soybeans and corn together, a balanced ration in the field. This plan has been followed very successfully by many farmers. His average yield of corn is over 60 bushels and of wheat, 30 bushels. With what land he has owned and rented he has farmed between 300 and 400 acres for fifteen or sixteen years. He has turned seed wheat and corn to a large number of farmers in his neighborhood as well as to those at a distance. At present he is a member of the Board of Control at the Experiment Station.

Mr. Markley's topics include "The Big Six of Soil Improvement," "Thirty Years of Corn Growing," "Advances of Live Stock Farming," "The Two Clover Family," "Summer Feeding of Hogs," "Successful Field Growing," "Profitable Forestry," "The Ark and Home Grounds" and "Water the Home—Wax Not!" Mr. Markley has been engaged in institute work for twelve

PYTHIANS HAVE ANNUAL DINNER

**Four Hundred Gather Around Festival
Board at Castle Hall.**

More than 400 Pythians, members of Lima Lodge, No. 91, gathered around the festival board last night at the thirty-seventh annual dinner, served at Castle hall on South Main street. Pythian Sisters prepared and served the delicious menu.

Hon. Walter B. Ritchie, who wrote the ritual of the order and who is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, presided as toast-master. Speeches were made by Hon. N. W. Cunningham of Bluffton on "Pythianism," Attorney Harry O. Bentley of Lima on "Fraternalism" and the Rev. M. B. Fuller, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, on "Friendship." Music during the evening was provided by the Pythian quartet, composed of R. H. Ebersole, I. L. Morris, Kent Ebersole and Thomas Peate.

**Bank Official Recommends Them.
T. Norrell, vice president of the Bank of Cottonwood, Tex., writes: "I have received relief and recommend Foley's Kidney Pills to any one who has kidney trouble." Kidney trouble manifests itself in many ways—in worry, by aches, pains, soreness, stiffness, and rheumatism. H. F. Vorkamp tu-th-f**

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses were issued today to the following:

Stephen Arthur Hooks, 20, sheet metal worker, of Toledo, and Edna Louise Frail, 20, seamstress, of 1330 West North street. Rev. G. W. Lilly to officiate.

Benny McLain, 35, boiler-maker, of 732 St. Johns avenue, and Julia A. Price, 28, waitress, of 1020 East Kirby street.

**CLEO MADISON STARS:
At Royal today in Bluebird.**

CHORUS OF TWO HUNDRED VOICES

Large Orchestra

**Concert in the New College
Gymnasium**

Reserved Seats—50c

**Write or Telephone G. A.
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Chorus of Two Hundred Voices

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SHERIFF DISPOSES OF TWO PIECES OF PROPERTY.

Sheriff Eley disposed of two pieces of property this forenoon at public auction. To satisfy the case of Clara P. Austin against J. R. Doner, inlot 20 in Allentown was disposed of to W. J. Jenkins of Lima. It was appraised at \$200 and brought \$135 at public sale.

A lot in Delphos, on which is located a brick addition, was sold for slightly less than \$2,000, to satisfy court action entitled Albert Schaefer against the Delphos Combination Portland and Mastic company. It was sold to Abraham Tavel and was appraised at \$2,000.

KALB TO ENTERTAIN NEWSIES

**Annual Dinner to be Given by Big-
Hearted Citizen.**

Big newsboys, small newsboys and all newsboys who register at the Y. M. C. A. building on or before noon of Wednesday, December 20, will this year enjoy again the generous

hospitality of Gus Kalb, local real estate dealer and big-hearted citizen, at a Christmas dinner. Mr. Kalb last year favored the newsboys with their first annual dinner and the affair was such a success he decided to repeat it again this year.

The spread will be at Masonic hall on next Saturday evening, or two days before Christmas. Over 100 newsies enjoyed the dinner and sang praises to their host at the gathering last year.

Last year, aside from the delicious menu of the dinner and dainties and candies served at the close of the feast, Mr. Kalb presented each of the

EVEN THE KIDDIES ASK USEFUL GIFTS

**Hunt for Poor Children of
Lima Shows a Change in
Desires of Little Children.**

**Monday's Mail Ought to
Carry Your Santa Claus
Club Coupon to the Editor.**

It is interesting to know that the children of the city, when asked to express their desires for Christmas, are as a rule asking for something to wear. Seemingly the little ones come to realize that good, warm clothing after all makes the most appropriate Christmas gift.

In gathering names of the poor children of the city for the use of members of the Santa Claus club quite a number of children have been found who not only want clothing but need it. And they are not particular whose clothing it may be.

In this connection it might be well to call attention to the fact that a search of the attic will reveal some article of wearing apparel for which your own child has no further use. A pair of shoes that will still stand a little more service; a heavy coat that could be cut down to fit some shivering little form; an old pair of pants that some poor mother would consider a god-send for her little offspring—any of these things will make appropriate and appreciated Christmas presents.

But the Santa Claus club leaves that to you. You merely cut out the coupon elsewhere in this issue and sign your name to it. Then state how many poor children's

names you want mailed to you after you get them, and they will be mailed next Thursday or Friday. Sign yourself on what to give. Anything in the shape of clothing will be appreciated by the children whose names will be sent you. If you desire to give them a little sack of candy, or a toy, that, too, will be welcomed and will serve to make their little hearts happy.

But try playing Santa Claus yourself once and see how it childrens your own heart. Fill out the blank for one name, or more if you like, and send it to the Santa Claus Editor of the Times-Democrat so he will have it in his Monday morning mail.

Then when the names requested are mailed you take or send the gifts around to the poor children yourself and learn how splendid is this silent form of charity, how much better than shouting it from the housetops through the agency of a published report of "donors."

**GETS \$1,000 FOR HER
RIDE WITH NEGRO.**

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Betty Norton, of this city, has just been awarded a verdict of \$1,000 because she had to sleep in the same coach with a negro. Mrs. Norton boarded a train at Philadelphia en route to Memphis. A negro had engaged a berth in the same sleeper. Mrs. Norton protested, but the negro was permitted to remain in the coach. The supreme court held that the special coach law is binding on the Southern railway in all states where the lines runs, except Illinois and Indiana.

**Our Jitney Offer—This and 5c.
DON'T MISS THIS.** Cut out this slip, enclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2335 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address plainly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. H. F. Vorkamp. Lu-th-4

WEEK THE BUSIEST FOR MANY SEASONS

**Local Merchants Say Past
Six Days Have Set a New
Shopping Record Here.**

**With the Continued Cold
Weather the Gift List Is
Expected in All Lines.**

Lima merchants are looking forward to the week ending today as the busiest of the season. The past six days have set a new shopping record here.

Many of them attribute the big business to the fact that newspapers have been increasing in their endeavor to impress upon the public the advisability of early buying. Another reason they advance for such excellent trading as the week has witnessed is the fact that practically every one is now at work, and at good wages.

In the clothing and shoe stores the rush started with the first fall of snow, and as the thermometer descended to the zero mark the demand for shoes and heavy clothing was unusually large. One local shoe firm engaging in a removal sale found that at times a force of about twenty clerks was necessary to handle the demand for shoes. In most instances the clothing and shoes was bought as a matter of necessity, but in many instances it was purchased for Christmas presents, indicating that this year more than ever before articles of wear-

ing apparel are going to serve as gifts.

At the book, toy and novelty shops splendid business has been the rule all week, and tonight will, it is said, be a number of men engaged in this line, see the best week's receipts for so early in the season in many years. Books and leather goods are enjoying a splendid sale, despite the fact that the latter shows a slight increase in price. Dealers in these goods believe that the desire to be the first to mail Christmas gifts earlier has occasioned the early shopping.

Indications are for a continuance of the present Christmas weather throughout the coming week. Merchants are preparing for an enormous business, realizing that the next six days selling will be the critical. Stocks are in most instances lower than last year, and while the week just closing has seen a wonderful amount of goods disposed of, the quantity and quality in all lines may be had in practically every store in the city the coming week.

PARISIAN BEAUTIES CAMERA! In "Behind the Mask," Strand, now.

THE MOST COMPLETE

Line of Gift articles is to be found at our store this season, and the prices are most reasonable.

Popular Copyright at 50c.

Gift books in profusion.

Bibles in variety at exceptional prices, and they make the most appropriate gift.

Mottos, class booklets, cards, etc., for Sunday School Classes. Pictures and Picture Framing a

SPECIALTY AT

Lima Book & Bible Co.

Next to Post Office.

WE SHOULD ENJOY

RAIN, SAYS DOCTOR.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—"People to be healthy should be able to enjoy all the elements—the sun, the wind, the rain, the snow and the heat," declares Dr. Alvin H. Peebles, head of the research laboratory of the University of Colorado at Boulder. It is the movement of the blood to meet the demands of the elements that makes good circulation and health.

The majority of sicknesses are caused by mothers and girls going around in light clothing all the year round, and then waiting up the

house in winter to keep warm instead of wearing warm underwear and living in a cool house."

Dr. Peebles advised mothers not to put heavy covering over their children at night, as the weight of the covers causes them to be tired in the morning.

Here are some rules suggested by the doctor:

Keep the children out of doors playing as much as possible.

Don't let babies play on the floor. The floor is full of germs. Work for

The floor is full of germs. Work for open air schools for children.

Use pasteurized milk. Thirty per cent of all cows are tubercular.

LOST DOG FOUND IN

BOWLING ALLEY LOCKERS.

LORAIN, Dec. 16.—P. J. Schmitzer has been looking for his fox terrier since Monday evening when he took the dog along when he went bowling. Today employees at the bowling club heard scratching in Schmitzer's locker and let the dog out.

**PAY YOUR TELEPHONE BILLS
ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH AND
SAVE THE DISCOUNT.** 12-5-31

PARISIAN BEAUTIES CAMERA! In "Behind the Mask," Strand, now.

Help the Poor

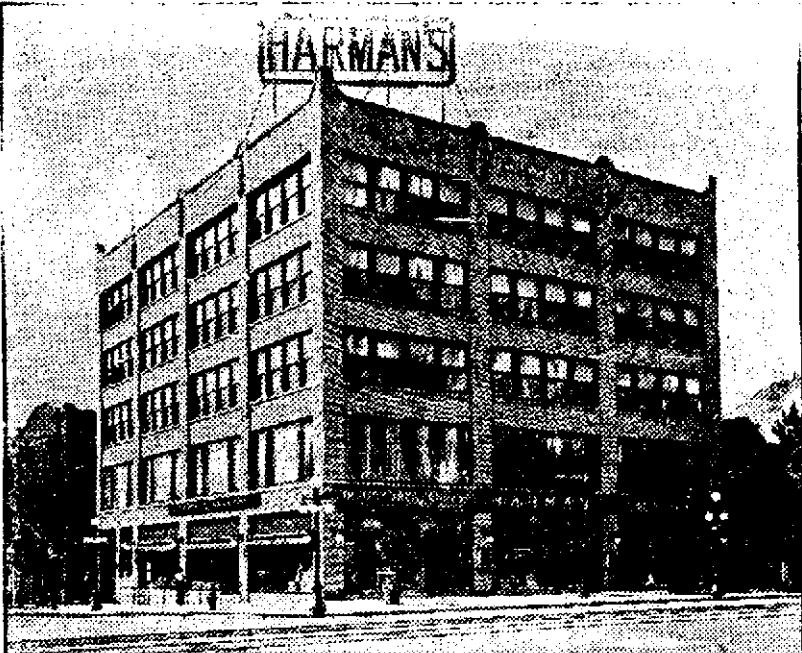
ON MONDAY ONLY, WE WILL GIVE 5% OF OUR CASH SALES

**To the ELK'S Appeal
for the POOR of Lima**

HELP SWELL THE FUND.

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HARMAN'S

**MARKET
AND
ELIZABETH**

Our Gift Department

Our entire second floor is arranged for holiday buying—loads of pretty things in fancy China, Cut Glass and Bric-a-Brac—beautiful patterns of

**French and English Dinner Sets, Dainty
Patterns of Old English Porcelain Ware
in Breakfast Sets, Salad and Fruit Sets.**

A wonderful line of beautiful Table and Floor Lamps, Fancy Brass Smoking Sets, Book Racks, Book Ends and Novelties found only in this store.

An Endless Variety of Novelties

Tea Wagons in Wicker, Mahogany, Fumed Oak and Decorated.
Sewing Cabinets, 10 styles, Mahogany and Fumed Oak.
Smoking Stands and Cabinets, every style and finish, many new effects and colors.
Parlor Cabinets in solid Mahogany and Vernis Marten.
Cedar Chests and Fancy Dress Boxes.

**This Department Will Be a Great Help to Men Who
Are Undecided What to Buy**

SPEND A LITTLE TIME HERE—IT WILL PAY YOU.

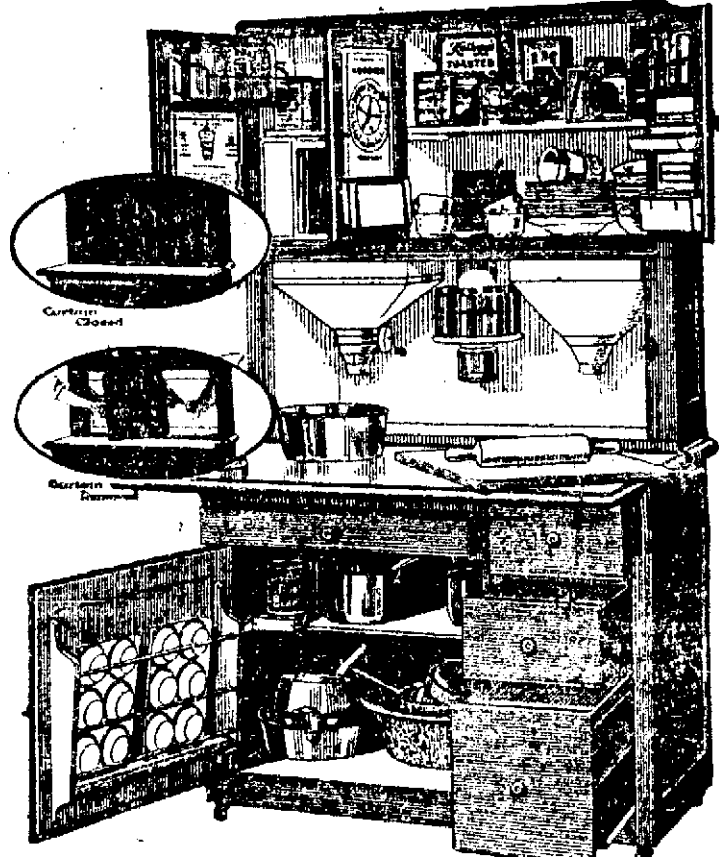
Buy Records for Christmas

Over 5,000 in stock—all the newest titles—5 demonstration booths. Good stock—Splendid Service.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

HARMAN'S

**MARKET
AND
ELIZABETH**



Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets

MAKE THE FINEST OF

Christmas Gifts

They save her miles and miles of steps every year. You can buy one now by paying

\$1.00

and the balance in weekly payments of \$1 each.



A Victrola for Christmas

Brings good cheer to all the family. Let all the great artists of the world sing for you in your own home on Christmas morning.

The new EDISON DIAMOND DISC PHONOGRAPH

—and practically all the New Records now in stock.

There is no instrument like the Edison and no other that can properly play an Edison Record. We know they say they can, but we can prove to anyone in five minutes that they cannot do it. "There is a reason" and we will be very glad to give you the reason.

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GOOD EVENING—We're now ready to hear a report from the committee on sparcities and backbones.

Purch sleeping is all right, and we are heartily in favor of it—along in August.

Its a thoughtful daughter who gives Mother for Christmas something she can wear herself.

Jealousy has at least one virtue in that it keeps the other fellow busy watching to see how well you work.

Two or three months have slipped by without a Bellefontaine correspondent burying the oldest Odd Fellow.

Most any old Allen county rabbit is willing to testify that all of the gunpowder isn't being used in Europe.

Even this kind of weather has its advantages. We don't have to worry about being overcome by the heat.

A very good case of the pot calling the kettle black is for a policeman to accuse a telephone girl of being asleep on the job.

There is one consolation left now that ice cream has joined the aviation squad. Its one thing we can get along without.

Our idea of a good man on the job is the man who realizes that his sudden demise wouldn't put the company out of business.

It appears that if they wanted to be human across the pond, all sides would have given their armies a rest while the peace talk is going on.

It has been our observation that the kind of accidents people want to keep out of the paper are usually the kind that could have been avoided.

One disadvantage about buying Christmas gifts early is you might have a fight with the one you intended to give them to before Christmas arrives.

It isn't a bit too early to express the hope that the winter weather will not be so severe as to curtail the blue-gill crop at Indian Lake next spring.

It the average Lima man is given his choice of choosing which habit he will forswear this New Year it will probably be the habit of getting up in the morning to fix the furnace.

The Galveston News says a good way to eat peas without dropping them is to moisten them with molasses. Here in Lima we prevent it by mixing them with mashed potatoes.

Thank goodness our labor of grinding out enough short ones each day to fill this yawning column has not been made greater by some fellow dragging in a poem on the beautiful snow.

A Kansas editor suggests that possibly the man who advocates the coinage of a 2 1/2¢ piece is some old tightwad who hopes to get away from dropping a nickel in the contribution box.

Why is it that stock exchange seats sell for thousands of dollars and every picture that has been printed of scenes on the stock exchange shows every man on his feet and fighting like a maniac?

Still another thing we've never been able to understand is why the average kid will wait until we get our shoes, collar, coat and vest off before he remembers something he wants from out on the back porch.

The Lima school board would be doing nothing more than keeping up with the procession if it arranged for a light noonday lunch at a close margin of profit for the children attending school in wintry weather.

A THANKFUL EDITOR
Most everyone has at some time or another in their career had occasion to become disgusted over the injection of church affairs into their politics. We speak of it as disgusting, for really that is the most expensive word that can be used in connection.

In Ohio we have had quite a lot of it, this attempt to mix church and state, but each year even a decrease in the amount of it, and it is to be hoped that we are not far removed from the time when politics and the church will be entirely divorced. But the sunny state of Florida appears to be headed just the reverse. She appears to be getting in deeper with each succeeding election. One of the dirtiest elections in the history of that state has been settled by the Florida supreme court's giving W. V. Knott a certificate of election as governor. He ran against Sidney J. Catts, and the fight was strictly along church lines. It was not only unnecessary, but it was bitter, and it was positively dirty. This latter fact may be gleaned from this editorial in the Tampa Times.

"We've seen the tail end of one war, reported several riots, prize fights and rough houses, and 'kind friends' have shot at us on more than one occasion. Through it all our nerve remained, but it's us for the white flag and the retreat combined when a church fight loops up on the horizon. The most brutal acts of history, whether affecting nations or individuals, have been committed in the name of religion, with the Gentle Nazarene looking on. The pity of it! The hellishness of it!"

THAT WORD "X-MAS"
Personally, we do not know who invented, or coined, if the expression suits you better, the word "X-Mas." But we do know that it is objectionable to a great many people. And yet we are willing to plead guilty to having used it upon numerous occasions.

However, it is an abbreviation that is not, after we give it a bit of study, destined to prove wholly pleasing. A good business friend in Lima laments with us the too frequent use of the word, and in suggesting that the general public try and educate itself in the abolition of it he suggests that the following letter, published a few days ago in the Chicago Herald, be given space.

"Joplin, Mo., Dec. 10.—To the Editor: The following has been addressed to all merchants in Joplin:—

"You wouldn't think of speaking or writing of the Savior as 'J. Christ,' would you? It might not be exactly sacrilegious, but it would at least be lacking in respect and devoid of dignity.

"Then why sacrifice both respect and dignity in your holiday advertising when referring to His natal day? The space saved by the abbreviation isn't worth it.

"I am not a churchman and this is not a preaching, but the Advertising Club of Joplin is conscientiously striving to elevate the character of advertising in this city. Won't you help? Thank it over."

"K. W. LYON."

SWELLED HEADS
The longer it is given us to remain in this good old world the more it grieves us to meet up with a swelled-head. We refer especially to the man who is given to bragging about himself, his position or—worse than all—his ability to perform the ordinary duties of life. We've often wanted to get hold of a decent brand of asbestos that could be used for printing purposes, that we might write our mind regarding the swelled-heads and not endanger the mails by having the paper set fire to a mail sack.

But we haven't found it in Lima. So we'll permit the editor of the Louisville Herald to speak of the swelled-head to us and in language much more tempered than our own might be. He says:

"It is well for you to have confidence in your ability, but when it reaches the stage of 'swelled-headedness' your value to yourself alone or anyone else begins to dwindle.

"Some men grow with responsibility, others merely swell. The man who swells has ceased to grow. He has reached a place where he thinks he has all the knowledge he needs and naturally all growth is retarded. The best way and the most convincing way to prove one's capability is by actions, not words. The fellow who is continually bragging about what he can do is seldom of much account. It is the man who does things in a quick, intelligent manner who wins. Such a man will be found at the top because he deserves to be there."

Concerns want him, but in the end only accomplishes much as the result of his concentrated endeavor, but his influence is good on the other employees.

"Save the exertion of talking to tell what you can do and use it in performing your tasks. You will get so much consideration eventually that you will not be tempted to brag. The other fellow will do it for you."

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The Wife was one of those Delightful Dames who considered Cooking a Fine Art instead of Drudgery. She could make Sauce Hollandaise that did not taste like Bill Sticker's Paste, her Roasts were Dreams, and her Entrees Things to Eat on your Knees.

Every day she set before her husband a Dinner that made life Worth Living, and as she was also Fond of the Cats she had the Cheery Outlook on the World, and the Amiable Disposition of those who are Well Nourished and have no Grouch against their Stomachs.

All of this made Matrimony a glad sweet song for the Husband, and he never Noticed that as the Years went by his Wife lost her Girlish Figure. All that he thought of was how much Better Home Cooking was than the Messes you get in Swell Restaurants, and what a Nice Thing it was to have a Jolly Wife to go home to at Night when your day's Work was over, and you couldn't have Pulled him away from

his own Fireside with a Team of Oxen.

So all went well with this Fortunate Couple until by chance one day the Wife met a Friend she had not seen for a long Time.

"How Well you are looking," exclaimed the Friend, who was a Female Cat. "You must have put on about Forty Pounds since I saw you last."

Some "Catty" Advice.

"Do you think so," cried the Wife aglance.

"There is nothing that makes a woman look so Old as Fat," continued the Friend, "and while I do Not Wish to implant any Suspicion in your Mind, I feel that it is my Sacred Duty to warn you that the Only Way a Wife can Retain her Husband's Affection is by keeping a Svelte and Willowy Figure."

"I Trust my Husband," moaned the Wife feebly.

"They all do," continued the Friend, "but you will observe that all Affinities are built on the Architectural Lines of a Snake, and that when a Married Man Hopes he always does it with Somebody who does not Weigh more than half as much as his Wife does. Heed my warning, and you may Save yourself much Misery. Farewell."

Now the Wife was Deeply Enamored of her Husband, and so, as the best Feminine Dopesters had figured it out that the Measure of a Husband's Love was in Direct Ratio to his Wife's Belt Measure, she hid herself forth to the Torture known as Reducing.

They Batted her and they Beat her until she was black and blue. They Rattled her and they Pounded her and they put her on a Diet of Three Prunes and a Glass of Water and as sticking to this, it was not long before the Wife got a Thin and Haggard Look and a Disposition like a Basket of Lemons.

Not being able to find anything good herself, she lost interest in her Housekeeping. Her Dinners, instead of being Gastronomic Poems became Culinary Outrages, and she Flavored them up by hammering out a Line of Talk that flattered the Universe and made the Husband afraid of his Life.

What is the matter with you, asked the Husband, when he could Endure it no longer.

"I am Hungry," wailed the Wife. "Then Eat," said the Husband. "I don't eat," replied the Wife, "because I am trying to Reduce in order to Retain your Affection."

"Go to!" cried the Husband. "I am not one of those men who have a Morbid Interest in Living Skections. Personally, I prefer a Wife who shows that I am a Good Provider and I apprehend that most Men are in the same Boat."

Take it from me that after a man is Married he is more interested in the Way his Wife Treats him than he is in her looks, and that the Right way to Reduce is to Retain a Husband's Love is for a Woman to Cut Down on her Nourishing and her Temper and her Nerves.

Thereupon the Wife fell to and ate everything that fattened, and they Lived Happy Ever After.

Moral: This fable teaches that it is better for a woman to be Fat and Jolly than Slender and Flaccid, and that the Perfect Thirty-Sixes are not Always the Best Loved Wives.

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Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and listless, your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up this condition at once with Dr. Cass' New Life Pills, a mild laxative that relieves the congested intestines without griping. A dose before retiring will ensure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c at your Druggist.

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MARIE N. NAGEL, Editor

Dilay Fashion Hint



By La Raconteuse.

A charming skating set is shown in white plush featuring cap and neck piece, the latter in the form of a collar. Mole skin bottoms fasten the lacing ends, at the same time affording a contrasting note. The cap is extremely simple, ornamented with the same sized heavier buttons.

Life is worth while, and all the material conditions and machineries and organizations of life get their scale of importance, just in the ratio that the whole and the parts are adjusted to the supreme purpose of realizing the possibilities of persons—Alison W. Small, Between Eras from Capitalism to Democracy.

Christmas will certainly be merry this year, judging from appearances of all the dates society has set on which to make merry. First, before the happy day all the younger members of the social world will return from school and those who are away will hasten back to be by their own fireside. Then when everybody is home, the week of real festivity will commence. The Wayfarers will start the ball on Monday night with their Christmas formal, which according to plans will even surpass its former excellence. On Tuesday night the Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority will entertain with a dance at the Elks Home, only to be followed the next evening with a dance at the Elks at which Mrs. Cleminger Thompson will be hostess. Miss Helen Wenner will entertain with a dance Thursday evening at the same place, and Friday evening the Charity Ball will hold sway at Memorial hall. On the same evening Elks will have their cabaret. Many other affairs are scheduled, among them informal dance to be given by the Misses Allene and Palleene Hoover at their lovely home on West Market street. Bridge parties, teas, receptions, and many, many more things for Miss Society.

Mrs. A. A. Crawford and Mrs. Albert Miller of Wapakoneta, were among the out-of-town guests at the Woman's Music Club Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Wetherill spent yesterday in Wapakoneta, as the guest of friends.

Miss Marie Shaffer is the guest for the week-end of friends in Wapakoneta.

Officers were elected yesterday afternoon by the members of the First Lutheran church which met with Mrs. E. A. Trabert at her home on West Spring street. They are as follows: Mrs. I. S. Motter, president; Mrs. Odis Davis, vice president; Mrs. William Koch, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Kraus, treasurer; Mrs. O. S. Hupp, assistant secretary. Plans were made for Christmas philanthropic work.

Mrs. H. W. Long entertained the members of the Franklin Stitches club at her home yesterday afternoon. Decorations were Christmas suggestions. Mrs. Snodgrass and Mrs. H. S. Mason won the prizes of a contest held. A delicious lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting, after which the club adjourned to meet again in two weeks at the home to Mrs. Mason. Guests other than the club members were Mrs. Harry Long, Mrs. A. N. Clark, Mrs. Brock and Miss Ursel Long.

Wednesday afternoon the City Federation of Women's clubs will meet at the public library to hear the report of the nominating committee on officers for the coming year. The meeting was to have been held this afternoon, but because of indecision of the committee postponement was made. At this meeting arrangements will be made for the distribution of Christmas baskets among the needy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson, who were recently married were complimented last evening by Mrs. E. G. Atkinson at her home. Many pretty gifts were given to the young couple by the guests who were present.

Twenty members were present at the meeting last evening of the Philathea class of the Central Church of Christ which met yesterday with Mrs. Lloyd Bradley of West Grand avenue. Arrangements were made for the distribution of Christmas baskets. Tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Brannon.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Hoover will entertain the members of the Domestic Science club at her home on West Market street. This is the annual party for Christmas. Roll call will be answered with "Christmas Chimes" and papers will be given by Mrs. J. C. Glenn and Mrs. W. G. Vogel.

Monthly meeting of the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Olivet Presbyterian church will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Zurnmehly, 642 West Elm street. Special Christmas music will be given, and devotionals will be in charge of Mrs. T. C. Morrison. "Syria" will be the topic of the magazine study by Mrs. Breesse. "Peper Work" will be the topic of a paper to be read by Mrs. Berry. The story of the Other Wise Man will be given by Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cable have as their guest, Mr. Cable's sister, Mrs. Toland, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Miss Helen Basinger has returned to spend the Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Basinger, of West Spring street. Miss Basinger is a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Reuben G. Brown, of Mrs. J. B. Brown, of West Ash street, now a re-

tail coal dealer in Lima, will be married December 21 to Miss Florence Timmerman of Lima. The engagement was announced at a party given for the bride-elect in Lima last week. Mrs. Reese and her daughter, Miss Jennie Reese, will attend the wedding.—Piqua Press.

Harry and Walter Rhoda, of 213 South Pine street, will welcome the Brotherhood of Calvary Reformed church to their home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Klein, of 614 West Wayne street, will entertain the Missionary society of the German Reformed church on Wednesday evening, at her home. The hour is set for 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. W. L. Koch, of 241 West Wayne street, will entertain the Cotta class of St. Paul's Lutheran church on Wednesday evening, at her home.

Mrs. A. S. Bowers and Mrs. John Clizbe will entertain the members of the Winodausis Circle at the home of Mrs. Clizbe, 1036 West Elm street, Friday afternoon. This meeting will be the Christmas meeting, and there will be an exchange of gifts among the members.

Workers Class of Market Street Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. McComb, of West Elm street. All members are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Mrs. John Moore, of Oak street, entertained the members of the Primrose club at her home Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in music and contests, the prizes of the contests being won by Mrs. John Moore, of South Main street, and Mrs. Seibert. Mrs. E. A. Patton sang several pretty songs. At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess assisted by Mrs. Seibert, served a delicious two-course lunch, after which the club adjourned to meet again in three weeks with Mrs. John Moore, of South Main street, at which time a New Year's crab has will be the feature of the meeting.

Mrs. B. S. Monilton entertained the Friday Bridge Club at the Elks home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. John Calvin was the only substitute. Christmas suggestions were carried out in effective decorations. It was decided not to meet again until four weeks.

Miss Sue Asbach was delightfully surprised last evening at a number of her friends on honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in dancing and with cards. Miss Asbach was presented with a table lamp by the guests who were Misses Anna Campbell, Frieda and Janet Fleming, Goldie Leaning, Grace Wiley, Lucy Cook, Bess Callagher, Freda Ferguson, Donna Cooper, Edward Evans, Ed Willard, Josephine Dye and Mark Rudy.

Miss Allene Hoover, who is attending school at Oregon, Clatsop, Oreka Springs, Ark., arrived this afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoover, of West Market street.

Mrs. Jacob Schmitt spent several days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gentner, of Wapakoneta.

Mrs. Charles Nieve has as her house guest, her sister, Mrs. Grover Winemiller, of Wapakoneta.

Mrs. James A. McLees has returned to her home in Huntsville, after spending several days as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Driver.

Mrs. James P. Barr and Mrs. Al-

bert of South Baxter street are the guests of relatives and friends in Pittsburgh and New York.

Miss Mildred Catt, who is a student at Mount Carroll, Ill., arrived this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. B. Toland.

Joe Garretson, who is attending Kenyon college, Gambler, Ohio, arrived yesterday for the Christmas recess with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Garretson of South McDonald street.

Misses Helen and Norah Sullivan, of North Elizabeth street, had as their guests for several days their relatives, Senator Murphy and Charles Murphy of Newport, R. I.

Miss Elizabeth Newson is spending the week end with friends in Cleveland.

Among society girls who are selling red cross stamps were the Misses Helen Wenner, Esther Wenner, Louise Felsner, Lucy Cullen, Elizabeth Brice, Gertrude Brice, Helen Pence, Francis Wright, Eleanor Isham, Lillian Beall, Marion Sullivan, Selma Elxelbaum, Gertrude Spinnagel, Marion McCoy, Harriet Thompson, Hortense Spellacy and Grace Spellacy.

Devotional services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Business Woman's club. The program for the afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. G. A. Herrett, of Grace M. E. church. Miss Thelma Dunham will give several social numbers; and Mrs. Uffell will give a reading. Mrs. W. W. Constein will give an address.

Warren Catt, who is attending Kenyon college, returned this afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. R. B. Toland, of West Market street.

Lima friends will be interested in the following announcement taken from the Bellefontaine Index-Republican:

"Beautiful invitations requesting attendance at the wedding event of Miss Margaret Miller and John William Gabriel were issued on Monday, to some 150 relatives and friends in this city to be present. Dr. William L. Barrett, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will pronounce the marriage rite. The form follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Miller request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Margaret Rachel

and John William Gabriel on Wednesday, December 27, 1933, 7:30 P. M., at the North Detroit Street, Cincinnati, Ohio."

At home after 7:30 P. M. at the Cincinnati, Ohio."

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher have returned from Bellefontaine where they were guests for a brief visit of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deane have as their guest for a few days, Mrs. S. E. Deane of Wapakoneta.

Others who are expected at the coming Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McComb, of West Elm street, who are expected to be present for this purpose.

Mrs. N. Woods entertained the members of the Aftonian club at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. R. T. Gray opened the program with a Christmas reading. "John, the Baptist and John, the Evangelist" was the subject of the lesson study for the afternoon. Roll call was answered with quotations taken from Revelations. The hostess assisted by her daughters, the Misses

CLUB CALENDAR.

Philomathean Club—Mrs. Owen Jones, Penn., evening, West North street.
Bay View Club—Mrs. Howard Fletcher, afternoon.
Round Table—Mrs. Harry Haver, West High street, afternoon.
Twenty-first Century—Mrs. J. M. Moulton, evening.
Chautauquan—Miss Margaret Barrett, West North street, evening.

Tuesday.

J. C. T. Club—Mrs. F. L. Koh, West Spring street, afternoon.
Workers' Class, Market Street Presbyterian Church—Mrs. J. W. McComb, West Elm street, afternoon.

Wednesday.

Avon—Mrs. Johnson, afternoon.
Priscilla Embroidery Club—Mrs. G. A. Wilkins, Linden avenue, afternoon.
City Federation of Woman's Clubs—Public Library, afternoon.
Domestic Science Club—Mrs. W. F. Hoover, West Market street, afternoon.
Cotta Class, St. Paul's Lutheran church—Mrs. W. L. Koch, West Wayne street, evening.
Missionary Society, German Reformed Church—Mrs. George Klein, West Wayne street, evening.
Brotherhood, Calvary Reformed church, Harold and Walter Rhoda, South Pine street, evening.
Woman's Board of Managers—City hospital, 9 a. m.
Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Olivet Presbyterian church—Mrs. Harry Zurnmehly, West Elm street, afternoon.

Thursday.

Laurel Club—Mrs. Fred Goes, West Grand avenue, afternoon.
I. D. K. Club—Mrs. P. M. Dawson, West Spring street, afternoon.
Betsy Ross Club—Mrs. J. E. Neuman, South Pine street, afternoon.
Hawthorne Club—Mrs. R. R. Cotner, Jameson avenue, afternoon.
Pleasant Hour Embroidery Club—Mrs. Fay Carter, afternoon.
C. D. S. club—Mrs. H. Jandeleit, South Main street, afternoon.
Taschmo Club—Mrs. Harold Simons, South Metcalf street, evening.
Wisteria Club—Mrs. Roy Thomas, afternoon.
Social and Literary Club—Mrs. Zoe Armstrong, afternoon.

Friday.

Amity Club—Mrs. R. E. Bacom, afternoon.
Winodausis Circle—Mrs. John Clizbe, West Elm street, afternoon.

Saturday.

Junior Literary Club—Miss Dolly O'Conner, West Wayne street, afternoon.

Ruth and Mary Wells, served a delicious lunch. Guests present other than the club members were Mrs. Alexander Taylor, Mrs. F. B. Easton, Mrs. S. F. Coleman, Mrs. R. O. Bigley, Mrs. J. E. Collins and Mrs. Charles East.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zuber have returned from several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas of Antioch.

Mrs. Harry Loth and Miss Alma Loth were the guests of Mrs. George Neuman yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Leete entertained this afternoon for the fifth birthday anniversary of her grandson, William Leete Hays, who with his mother, Mrs. W. R. Hays of Columbus, are the house guests of the Leetes. The afternoon was spent with games, music and contests, and Christmas decorations were carried out in decorations of the rooms, and in the delicious lunch. Guests included Robert Maxwell, George Woods, Thomas Riddle, Helen Hays, Katherine Glover, Rosemary Dillon, Elizabeth Grove, Virginia Butler, Mildred Sullivan, Mary Leete, Garnet Howell, Corinne Gray, and Eleanor Sullivan.

One of the big musical events of the season will be the Messiah concert to be given by the Bluffton college chorale society at the Bluffton college gymnasium next Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 7:30. With a chorus of over two hundred voices and an orchestra of twenty-five pieces and the assistance of prominent soloists, this promises to be one of the best Messiah concert ever given here. The singing of the Messiah is an annual event eagerly awaited by the entire community.

Miss Betsy Lane, Shepherd, the soprano soloist, hails from New York and is an artist of real ability. She has a beautiful soprano voice, exceptionally rich in quality, full of power, and remarkably well adapted to the exacting demands of the Messiah. She is undoubtedly the best artist ever secured for oratorio work in Bluffton and will prove a real treat for lovers of good music. Miss Vera Ross (Coburn), contralto, of Chicago, is an artist of local fame who will be remembered as having been named the "Madame Blumenthal" of America by Prof. D. Rhys Ford at the Columbus Elsteddorf seven years ago. She has an even-tempered personality with the music loving public, and never fails to please. This is her first appearance here for a number of years, and her coming is being eagerly awaited.

those who have noted her previous

Both the tenor and bass soloists, Mr. C. G. Lehmann, tenor, of West Liberty, and Harry L. Kehler, bass, members and this is expected to be a Bluffton Conservatory, the able and talented soloists, both have studied with Prof. Mark Evans of Lima and have made many successful appearances locally and in various parts of this and other states. They have studied the Messiah for several years and sing with the spirit and interpretative power.

In the orchestra will be Miss Vera Watson, blurring, Miss Joseph DuPere of Lima, Paul Sweeney, Hauenstein, director of the local orchestra, Miss Pearl Jorgensen, accompanist, and Director G. A. Lehmann of the Conservatory are sparing no pains in the training of the chorus and orchestra and unquestionably will make this concert the most successful of any ever given here.

The concert will be given at 7:30 p. m. next Tuesday evening, December 19th, at the Bluffton college gymnasium. Lima patrons are assured that the concert will be over in plenty of time to catch the 10 o'clock car on the Western Ohio. Reserved seats sell for fifty cents and can be secured by writing or telephoning to G. A. Lehmann, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mrs. John W. Roby has returned from Newark, where she appeared before the Federation of clubs in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Breneman of Salem, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Hemker has returned to her home after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Ottoville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fraunfelder had as their guests for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stemen and Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Stemen of Rushmore, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart had as their house guests for several days, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kruse of Elida.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Esmonde have returned from Elida, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robinson.

Miss Daisy Parker is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Strayer, of Elida.

Society of Temple Beth Israel will hold a bazaar and sale at the Gas of the city, Monday and Tuesday. Generous contributions are being made by all members and this is expected to be one of the most successful sales ever held by the society.

William Elder and children, who returned to their home in Elida after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. P. P. John.

Miss Virginia Leete spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Leete, of Elida.

Children, has of Olivet Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Leete, of Elida, an artist. She will be assisted during the evening by Mrs. Harry Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Owens were the guests of a number of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Graham, of Elida.

Miss Josephine Forsthe spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shar, of Middleburg.

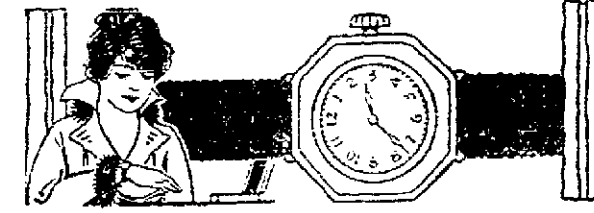
Mrs. C. E. Gerdeman and Mrs. L. C. Hall have returned from a brief visit with their brother, A. R. Roberts, of Ottawa.

Hints for the Housewife

Carrots Espagnole.
Boil until tender, and mash through a colander 2 or 3 bunches of carrots. Beat into them 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and cayenne or paprika. Add 2 eggs, well beaten, and grated cheese to taste, about 2 or 3 tablespoonsful. Bake in a mold in a moderate oven about 30 minutes, and serve turned out on a hot dish. Garnish with parsley. It should be as light as a soufflé.

Pseudo Roast Chicken.
To avoid cold-storage chicken and yet have it tender, try the "pseudo-roast." Take the cleaned fowl, and place it in a kettle of water already heated to boiling. Simmer gently until the chicken meat becomes ten-

Wrist Watches



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der. Twenty minutes before meal time, baste the chicken with butter and place in a hot oven until golden brown.

Dish Relish.

One quart of cabbage, 1 pint of white onions, 1 pint of sweet red pepper, 1 pint of sweet green pepper, 5 table-spoons of salt, 4 table-spoons of mustard seed, 2 table-spoons of crushed celery seed, 2 of cup of sugar, 1 quart of vinegar. Chop fine and put in a kettle. Cover with vinegar and cook slowly until ingredients are tender.

Preserved Ginger.

Parse the roots of green ginger and lay in cold water for 15 minutes. Boil in 3 waters, changing the water for cold every time, until very tender; then drain and lay in ice water. For the syrup, allow 1 1/2 pounds of sugar for every pound of ginger and a cup of water for every pound of sugar. Boil and skim until the cum ceases to rise. When the syrup is cold, wipe the ginger dry and drop it in. Let it stand 24 hours. Drain off and reheat the syrup. This time put the ginger in when only warm. Do not look at it again for two days. Then rebottle the syrup, and pour over the ginger scalding hot. In a week drain off once more, boil, and add again while hot to the ginger. Cover closely. It will be fit for use in a fortnight.

Oysters a la Watts

Dip oysters in beaten egg, then in sifted cracker crumbs, season with salt and pepper, then roll in slices of bacon with strips of red and green peppers. Pin together. Broil in a grill.

Mrs. S. D. Campbell and son, John, and Mrs. J. B. Smith of St. Marys, were the guests of friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Ford and daughter, Mary Jane, have returned from Ottawa, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schierloh.

Mrs. W. M. Marsh spent yesterday with her father, John Mosler, of Wapakoneta.

Mrs. G. D. Boose has returned from Wapakoneta, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Freyer.

LAST ADDRESS IN WAR SERIES

Turkey and Eastern Question Topic for a Sunday Night Address.

The last address in the European war series at the Congregational church will deal with "Turkey and the Eastern Question." The illustrations will take the people over that historic ground between Athens and Constantinople, where the crescent flies over that little town where Homer wrote his Iliad, and the town where Sappho loved and sang.

The power of Turkey is witnessed by the fact that Mahomet controls that storied route along which passed Xenophon and his Ten Thousand, Ephesus and all the seven cities where Paul founded his churches. Mahomet controls Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus; Jerusalem, the center of his ministry; the Jordan, once pressed by the feet of Joshua and John the Baptist. Moslems rule Damascus, where Paul beheld the heavenly vision.

History throws its glamour also along the Dardanelles, where in plain sight of the British and French warships was the stretch of beach where the ancient Greek galleys were drawn up, and the level valley where Hector killed Patroclus, and Achilles avenged his friend by the death of Hector. Here Xerxes crosses the straits on his bridge of boats; here Alexander made a pilgrimage to the site of Troy. At the narrowest point Leander swam the straits to meet his lady and the emulous Byron followed his example.

This fascinating story of the romantic past and the bloody present, "The Crescent and the Cross," will be told Sunday night at 7 o'clock by the Rev. Chester S. Bucher. All are invited.

MRS. KOHLER'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche D. Kohler, wife of Edward Kohler, of 108 North Pine street, will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock Monday. The Rev. M. B. Fuller, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, of which she was a member, will officiate. Interment will be at Woodlawn.

Sloan's Liniment for Stiff Joints. Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liniment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a gentle application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liniment is clean, convenient and quickly effective. It does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

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LINCOLN COURT, NO. 23, T. B. H. Regular meeting Wednesday evening, December 20. All members cordially invited to attend. Ladies' team will practice.

SARA GLENSER, Scribe

Stopped Children's Croup Cough. "Three weeks ago two of my children began chugging and coughing, and I saw they were having an attack of croup," writes Billie Mayberry, Eckert, Ga. "I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and gave them a dose before bedtime. Next morning their cough and all signs of croup were gone." H. F. Vorkamp, in-the-4

BLUEBERRY ALWAYS GOOD! 4 Cloo Madison, Royal, today.

ELKS TO DISPENSE CHRISTMAS CHEER

Local Lodge Arranges to Answer the Cry for Help From the Unfortunate.

Donations to This Worthy Cause Should be Sent to the Elks' Home Now.

Lima lodge, No. 54, B. P. O. Elks, following out their usual custom of dispensing Christmas cheer, will this year remember Lima's Tiny Times. This year they are centering their efforts especially upon the children. A special committee, composed of Herbert D. Campbell, chairman, Warren P. Melly, Charles A. Hlatt, Samuel Weinfield, Charles Ackerman, Mack Altschul and Ralph P. Mackenzie, have been named to look after this part of the Elks' good work.

Appeals, reading as follows, have been sent out to every member of the order:

"There is a cry for help from the poor and the unfortunate of the city. Notwithstanding it has been a prosperous year, it has been hard work for many to make the ends meet and the wintry blasts find them hungry and shivering. As good Elks it is our duty to hear the cry of affliction and aid those in distress.

"Lima lodge, No. 54, B. P. O. Elks, in keeping with its splendid record in the past, appeals to you in the name of Charity and Brotherly Love. On Monday, December 18th, the committee appointed on charity will receive at the home such contributions of clothing, shoes, groceries, etc., as your sympathy for the unfortunate may prompt you to make, also magazines and periodicals for those at the tuberculosis hospital, the infirmary and other institutions, where the days are long and dreary.

"We especially urge the necessity of shoes and underwear for the children, as the little ones, less able to take care of themselves, are always the greatest sufferers. The experience of previous collections has been that few children's shoes and few suits of children's underwear are received and in view of this fact the committee urges those who can to contribute cash for a shoe and underwear fund. "This is the season when our heads and hearts are filled and thrilled with the keen anticipation of making our friends and loved ones happy. May we not ask that out of your bounty you help restore the smile to the wan cheek and thin lips of some stranger less successful in life's struggles than you, that you bring the cry of joy to the heart of some one who is cold and hungry?"

"All supplies received will be carefully distributed with the co-operation of Mrs. John Phillips, secretary of the Associated Charities, thus ensuring that deserving persons are reached and impositions prevented. Bring your offerings to the Elks' home Monday or send word and they will be called for. Make your cash contributions and checks payable to H. D. Campbell, chairman."

CARRIE'S OLD HATCHET FLIES IN LIQUOR RAID.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Ten years ago Carrie Nation, the militant Kansas prohibitionist, now departed from earth's activities, delivered an address on a square in Memphis and at its conclusion presented Police Captain John A. Couch with a hatchet as a souvenir of her visit. The hatchet had been used in many a bar-room raid.

Captain Couch threw the hatchet in a locker at police headquarters. Prohibition was not thought of for Memphis in those days. The town was wide open. Carrie was not taken seriously.

Recently Captain Couch headed a blind tiger raid and finding it necessary to batter down a door, sent to headquarters for a hatchet. Carrie Nation's old hatchet was removed from the locker and with it the captain battered his way into the dive, where a vast quantity of liquor was stored. Since that raid the hatchet has been in almost constant use, breaking flasks and knocking heads out of casks and barrels of contraband liquor. Memphis is dry legally and is being made dry in reality by the aid of Carrie's hatchet.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa—

Would like a Mutt and Jeff to play with. I am five years old. And a sled, new pair of shoes and a sandy andy. Your little boy,

IVAN KENNY, 165 E. Circular.

Dear Santa—

It will soon be a year since you was here. I wish you would come this year and bring me a little doll and a little bed for it and some candy and nuts. I am a little girl 7 years old. I have 2 little sisters and one little brother. We had a tiny baby sister but she was taken to heaven seven weeks ago. We are all lonely without her for we loved her so. Now Santa, please do not miss us. Papa says you will not come on this road this year. Your little friend,

VIOLET SCHELL, Elida, R. D. 2.

Dear Santa—

Our sister is sending a letter and I will tell you what I would like to have. I'd like to have a little doll, dishes, candy and oranges, also a Teddy bear for our little brother, he is 2 1/2 years old, or we will be glad for anything you give us, for Papa says you will not come to see us this year. I am 5 1/2 years old.

OPAL SCHELL, Elida, R. D. 2.

Dear Santa—

I will send you a line, too. I am a little girl 4 years old. Would you please bring me a little carpet sweeper, little stove and pans, peanut candy and nuts. Hope you will not forget us.

ELIZABETH SCHELL, Elida, R. D. 2.

Dear Old Santa Claus—

I am going to write you a letter telling you what I want for X-mas. You can bring me a doll, a primer for school, a ring and lots of nice hair ribbon and plenty of candy and nuts. Well, I guess this is all I want. But you can bring me anything else you can spare. I am 6 years old.

DOROTHA WILKINSON, 610 S. Pine.

P. S.—I forgot I want a new pair of shoes.

Dear Santa—

I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like for X-mas a sled, a new pair of shoes, a top, some nice books and lots of candy and nuts. And I would like for you to bring my baby brother 3 years old a train, some blocks and whatever you have for babies. Maby you had better bring him some new shoes too. As he

YOU'VE FOUND IT

If you want to make a little gift to one or more poor children, fill in the blank below and mail it today. Your name will be held in confidence, and a few days before Christmas you will be mailed the names and addresses of the number of children you desire to make happy. Fill in your blank today to SANTA CLAUS CLUB, Lima, Ohio.

I live at No. _____ Street. I will

send a little gift to _____ children at _____ with _____

their names and addresses.

Signed _____

Address _____

wares out lots of them. Now don't forget the candy.

JAMES AND CADE WILKINSON, 610 S. Pine.

My Dear Santa—

I am 8 years old. I wish you would please bring me a go-cart, ice skates and a puzzle map of U. S. Please bring a Christmas tree. I will hang my stockings up by the grate, please fill it with Christmas candy. Your little friend,

MIRIAM KAMERER, 114 N. Cole.

Dear Santa Claus—

I want you to bring me a new big horse cause hte one you brought me last year is broke. A train and track to a train. This is all the toys I want, but will you please bring me an overcoat to go out in the snow and have fun. I got boots and a slide. My sister told you about a tree and candy.

ALDEN KAMERER, 114 N. Cole.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wonder if I will be for gotten. Please don't and don't forget my brothers. I am a little boy 3 years old and would like something for Christmas. Don't forget me Good-bye.

STANLEY KEYSOR, 165 East Vine St.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will try and write you a few lines to let you know I am a poor boy, and my father is a cripple and can't do anything and I want to know if you will bring me anything for Christmas. I live at 165 East Vine street, upstairs, on the east side. Be sure and come.

MR. ORVILLE KEYSOR, Eight-Years-Old

Dear Santa Claus:

I seat myself to write you a few lines the same as my brother did. I want Santa to come and bring me some things for Christmas. Papa is

crippled and can't get me anything and it takes all Mauma can get to live on, so don't forget, dear, you come investigate if you want to. I am 7 years old. Yours truly,

HAROLD KEYSOR, 165 East Vine St.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years old and I want a little telephone and a doll baby and a go-cart, some candy and nuts.

ROWENA GREENAWALT, 428 McPherson Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years old and I want a little telephone and Jimmy doll baby and a go-cart, some candy and nuts.

GOLDA GREENAWALT, 428 McPherson Ave.

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FACTORY DAY IS NEW PROPOSITION

Hint Comes From Australia to Mark the Progress of Our Numerous Industries.

Industrial Captains May Take Kindly to the Proposed National Holiday

"Why not an annual factory day?"

That question is asked by the Manufacturers News, editorially, in the current issue of that journal. "Surely, American factories, which have added so much to the wealth of the nation and to the prosperity of individuals (including the men and women who punch the time clocks) are entitled to some recognition, to some consideration." It is not forth.

"We have an annual Labor day—a legal holiday—and nearly every year we have added to the already long list of 'days' commemorating some great event, some important epoch, something that is close to the minds and hearts of the people," continues the plea. "By all means let us have an annual factory day, when some effort may be made to impress upon the public its debt to American industries and the men who have made them so great and so successful, the presidents and promoters, the efficient superintendents, and the men and women who comprise the working staffs.

"Let the industrial captains and

the men in the ranks meet that day upon an equal fraternal footing with their parades, their field sports, their speeches, their merry making, their mutual confidences, troubles and grouches. It would be a day well worth while.

"On American Factory day all work should be suspended. Factories should be thrown open to the public. There should be addresses upon such industrial topics as 'The Tariff,' 'The Eight Hour Day,' 'Welfare Work Among Employees,' 'Legislation and Its Influence Upon Industry,' 'Our Overseas Business,' 'Immigration,' 'American Industry After the War,'"



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AMUSEMENTS

AT THE ORPHEUM

Sunday, Afternoon and Night—Mary Nash in the five-reel motion picture, "Arms and the Woman", also vaudeville.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—Special feature, "The Darling Four," singers and instrumentalists. Four other vaudeville acts. Monday night after the regular 9 o'clock performance, "The Country Store," a riot of fun.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday—Wm. B. Friedlander presents the great musical comedy, "The Honolulu Girls," with 23 people, mostly girls.

AT THE FAUROT

MUSICAL COMEDY

Tonight—"Watch Your Step." Irving Berlin's Apotheosis of Ragtime. Tunes, dances, costumes and scenery sprinkled with a lot of fun.

MOTION PICTURES

Sunday and Monday—Marguerite Clark in "Miss George Washington"; Bray cartoon comedy, "Col. Heeza Liar, Hobo"; the Pathe News.

Tuesday and Wednesday—Cleo Ridgley and Wallace Reid in "The Yellow Pawn"; Burton Holmes' "The Real Streets of Cairo"; the Pathe News and the "Katzenjammer Kids."

Thursday and Friday—Lionel Barrymore, supported by Grace Valentine, in "The Brand of Cowardice"; Ralph Herz in "The Flirt"; Paramount Pictographs.

Next Saturday and Sunday—Pauline Frederick in "Nanette of the Wilds"; "Mutt and Jeff" and "What Happened to Willie."

"WATCH YOUR STEP."

The latest musical cocktail, having as its chief inspiration the existing terpsichorean mania bears the singularly appropriate title of "Watch Your Step," was made known in this city this afternoon at the Faurot.

Anyone who saw the performance must agree that the public's debt has been materially advanced with this latest venture.

"Watch Your Step" is far away the best of its kind theatrically has entertained in many a day. All traditions in the matter of lavish costuming and sumptuous settings have been sent to the discard; all previous efforts undone in the matter of gorgeous raiment. There are modishly attired show girls, spirited ponies, and a group of villagers reminiscent of Mother Goose at her best. These and other combine to form a background for the principals that makes a kaleidoscope look cheap and never permits the proceedings to lag.

Irving Berlin, champion song-writer of America, is the responsible person and he has given us syncopated dances, syncopated love songs, syncopated grand opera, syncopated lyrics and syncopated everything else that can possibly be syncopated. If anything is left unsyncopated in this combination, Harry B. Smith is still to be reckoned with and his specialty is syncopated humor.

The cordiality with which "Watch Your Step" and its interpreters were greeted this afternoon is proof positive of its merits. The artists and their high standing on the musical and comedy stage is unmistakable evidence that the entertainment and company are of real quality in the world of make-believe. The chorus is composed of Broadway beauties, all draped in costumes designed by masters of modes and robes—a "rosebud garden of girls." No wonder "Watch Your Step" pleases the eye and the ear. Last time tonight.

THE FAUROT PICTURES.

All pictures this week at the Faurot, and all mighty good ones, if the list of stars and photoplays may be taken as a criterion.

Marguerite Clark, who, in all probability is the most popular star of the season today, is the headliner in the program for Sunday and Monday. Miss Clark will be seen in the first picture in which she has appeared since her renewal of her contract with the Famous Players. The title is "Miss George Washington," and it conjures up one of two pictures—a girl who cannot tell a lie, or a girl who cannot tell the truth. In this case the producers have chosen to parody the name and the story deals with one of the most accomplished little fibbers and mischief makers that one could imagine. Before the story closes deception is rampant and there is scarcely a reputation that is not torn to shreds. But it is all in good fun and everything turns out for the best. "Miss George Washington" has been pronounced by critics one of the best comedies in which the entrancing Miss Clark has ever appeared. It will be accompanied on the Faurot program by a Bray cartoon, "Col. Heeza Liar, Hobo," and the latest edition of the Pathe News.

Cleo Ridgley and Wallace Reid, the splendid young Lasky stars who have appeared together frequently with such great success, will be seen at the Faurot on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Lasky production of "The Yellow Pawn," an unusual society drama from a story by Frederic Arnold Kummer, prepared for the screen by Margaret Turnbull. The story has to do with the love affair between the wife of a district attorney and a famous painter. Both Miss Ridgley and Mr. Reid are provided with congenial roles and their many admirers will rejoice to see them in a play that is worthy of their great ability. There is a typical Lasky cast in their support and that artistic producer has given the absorbing story settings and photography in keeping with his high standard.

This program will also contain Burton Holmes' "The Real Streets of Cairo," a new edition of the Pathe News, and a "Katzenjammer Kids" cartoon.

A stirring play of the Mexican border is announced for Thursday and Friday at the Faurot, when Lionel Barrymore, supported by Grace Valentine and a capital cast, will be seen in "The Brand of Cowardice." It is a military play, directed by John W. Noble, a West Pointer himself and a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Mr. Barry-

more has the role of a national guardsman who refuses to go to the border when the troops are called out. His fiancée breaks their engagement and he enlists as a private. His subsequent actions bring up the question as to whether he was a coward or a hero, but those familiar with the Barrymore brand of acting will not delay in arriving at a conclusion. There is a big cast, many scenes of action and photography of the best Metro brand. The feature will be accompanied by a clever little comedy, "The First," in which Ralph Herz is featured and an interesting series of Paramount Pictographs.

It is good news that the Paramount program is moved up one day for the first of next week for it gives us a splendid feature in "Nanette of the Wilds," a photoplay written by Willard Mack with Pauline Frederick as the star. Mr. Mack, eminent as playwright, author and actor, takes one of the leading roles in Miss Frederick's support. Nanette is the daughter of a French-Canadian who has been reared in the woods and into whose heart there has been instilled a deep hatred of all things pertaining to the law. The battle of wits which she wages with O'Brien of the Royal Mounted brings out a story that cannot fail to impress, especially when the brilliant dramatic talent of Pauline Frederick is brought to bear on the spectator. This feature will be accompanied by a "Mutt and Jeff" cartoon on Saturday and a Bray cartoon, "What Happened to Willie," on Sunday.

ORPHEUM.

The Orpheum theater will provide exceptional amusement at that popular theater next week. For the first three days of the week starting with a matinee Monday afternoon at 2:30, a very high class vaudeville program with the special attraction, "The Darling Four," a singing and instrumental novelty, which from advance press notices has been scoring a decided success in all the large cities visited.

Four other well known vaudeville headliners surround this clever feature. Burke and Jeanette in a class singing and pianologue, which will prove very entertaining; Hardig brothers in a novelty, in which hat spinning and many other clever novelties are introduced; Eldredge and Barlow in a comedy playlet with a decided rural atmosphere, entitled "The Law"; Hawley and Bellaire, in a singing novelty.

Monday night, after the regular 9 o'clock performance the "country store" will provide plenty of laughter. Sunday, tomorrow, afternoon and night, a great five-reel motion picture feature, Mary Nash in "Arms and the Woman." In addition to the feature picture, special vaudeville numbers will be introduced between the reels making a most enjoyable Sunday entertainment. One performance, at 8 o'clock; another, at 10:30; continuous at night from 7 p. m.

MASTER PIANIST WAR RELIEF WORKER.

Ernest Schelling Plays for European Sufferers. If the amount of money realized by the playing of Ernest Schelling, America's master pianist, who will play here at Memorial hall on January 2nd, for the various war benefit funds would be added together, it would equal \$31,000. Schelling started in his charitable work with two concerts given in Geneva in December, 1914, before he left for America. Through his association with Paderewski, he then became active in the Polish relief in March, 1915. At the great Polish bazaar held at the Biltmore Polish pagant held at the Biltmore soon after, he arranged for all the music and took a prominent part. In the summer of 1915 his activities included a concert at Bar Harbor for the war sufferers, and he played there also with Paderewski and Kreisler. Moving pictures of the players were made and exhibited for the benefit of the war fund. At the Polish bazaar in January, 1916, Schelling was again very active. He has aided the various Musicians Relief funds, especially in Leipzig, and that started by Carl Muck. The next and largest of the war benefits in which Schelling participated was the great Paris Conservatoire benefit held at Carnegie hall, New York, in March of this year. Paderewski, Stojowski, Trio de Lutece, Muratore and Schelling took part in this concert which netted \$41,000 francs for the distressed musicians of Paris. As a result of this benefit, 4000 artists' families were able to live another two months. And only several months ago Mr. Schelling was con-

The Sweetest Girl In Motion Pictures



MARGUERITE CLARK, FAMOUS PLAYERS STAR IN PARAMOUNT PICTURES.

Marvelous little Marguerite Clark, who sprang into international fame as a film favorite in a day because she was "the smallest star with the biggest personality," has maintained since that day, despite the fact that the day was years ago, the enviable reputation of being "the sweetest girl in motion pictures." One so frequently reads of a popular player's having been "born on the stage" of parents whose histrionic genealogy goes back to within a few years of the ark that it is refreshing to learn that Marguerite Clark has never been able to find any one even remotely connected with her family who has ever worn grease paint, or, if you prefer more classic allusions, the sock and buskin.



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WARREN, O., Dec. 16.—Alex W. Moore, who was held up and robbed in court house park, says he don't care so much for the \$1.50 the robbers got, but he'd rather like to know what became of his false teeth which were knocked from his mouth when one of the holdups punched him in the jaw.

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Thousands Rushed Into Galicia to Help Fight Allies, Doing Efficient Service.

Save Teutons From a Retreat That Seemed Inevitable on the Stripsa Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The thousands of crack Turkish troops rushed to eastern Galicia last summer to aid the Austro-German forces in the task of holding back the advancing Russians are doing excellent service and thoroughly maintaining the fighting traditions of the Ottoman army, according to the following report sent to the Frankfurter Zeitung by Emil Oplatka:

"Thanks to the valiant conduct and the great adaptability of the Ottomans, the distribution of several divisions of Ottoman troops along the front in eastern Galicia, decided upon during the Russian summer offensive, has proved a much greater success than was expected.

"It was no doubt a surprise for the skeptics among our opponents when the first official announcement that a Turkish expedition was coming north, despite the renewal of the Russian offensive on the Armenian front, was followed by the actual arrival of a goodly number of Ottoman troops on the fields of battle north of the Carpathians and their immediate introduction to the baptism of fire in union with the allied German and Austro-Hungarian divisions of General Potiomkin, fighting in Eastern Galicia, north of the Dniester.

"Their transportation by rail from Constantinople through Bulgaria, Serbia and Hungary to eastern Galicia and Volhynia had been accomplished at the double quick. Only in Belgrade and Semlin were halts made for rest. Then they were rushed directly to their predestined position.

on the front east of Lemberg and an entire army corps of the elite Ottoman troops was thrown at once into the firing line while other divisions were placed in reserve.

"The question of acclimatization did not present any great difficulties, as most of the troops were peasants from the mountains of Asia Minor and the climate of Central Galicia probably is milder and more equable than that of southern Hungary.

"When the Ottoman troops arrived in Galicia Bothmer had decided to evacuate the wedge-shaped strip along the Stripsa front. The Russians were in hot pursuit and during this great moment the Ottomans helped defend the new line. From shallow trenches, without barbed wire defenses, they tenaciously held off all the mass attacks of the Russians.

One of the divisions fighting near Brodovany had, after a series of little campaigns in the Balkans, held off the Greeks for a long time at Janina in October, 1914, the month in which Turkey entered the war, the division was thrown into Gallipoli, and for 15 months defended Ari Burnu under the murderous fire of the heavy naval guns.

"The men of this division are nearly all peasants from Anatolia in the first flush of manhood; the older men are kept in the reserves. The non-commissioned officers are experienced fighters and are just as good at individual service as they are at maintaining discipline.

"We know that the Ottomans are brave, but we also know that they feel no natural inclination to guard and protect themselves. But under capable direction they do surprisingly good work in preparing the great earthworks required by modern warfare. Together with the farmer boys from Anatolia fight dark-skinned Arabs and the lighter-complected people from the neighborhood of the big cities, such as Smyrna and Bursa.

"The conduct of the Ottoman officers is equal in every particular to the best European models. Every officer is master of either the German or French language. Their air of stately assurance is very pronounced."

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Oregon Mother Carries Little Daughter Away Just in Time.

BEND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Attracted by a noise being made by her father, Mrs. Thomas Merchant, living east of Bend, found a coyote running toward her little girl, who was playing in the yard. The animal was frothing at the mouth and is believed to have been rabid. Mrs. Merchant had time to snatch her daughter and escape to the house before the coyote reached the spot where the little girl was at play.

The coyote afterward attacked a place of "Made in Germany." The

dog and was fighting with it when a neighbor summoned by telephone arrived and killed it. Merchant killed the dog because it had received numerous bites in the fight.

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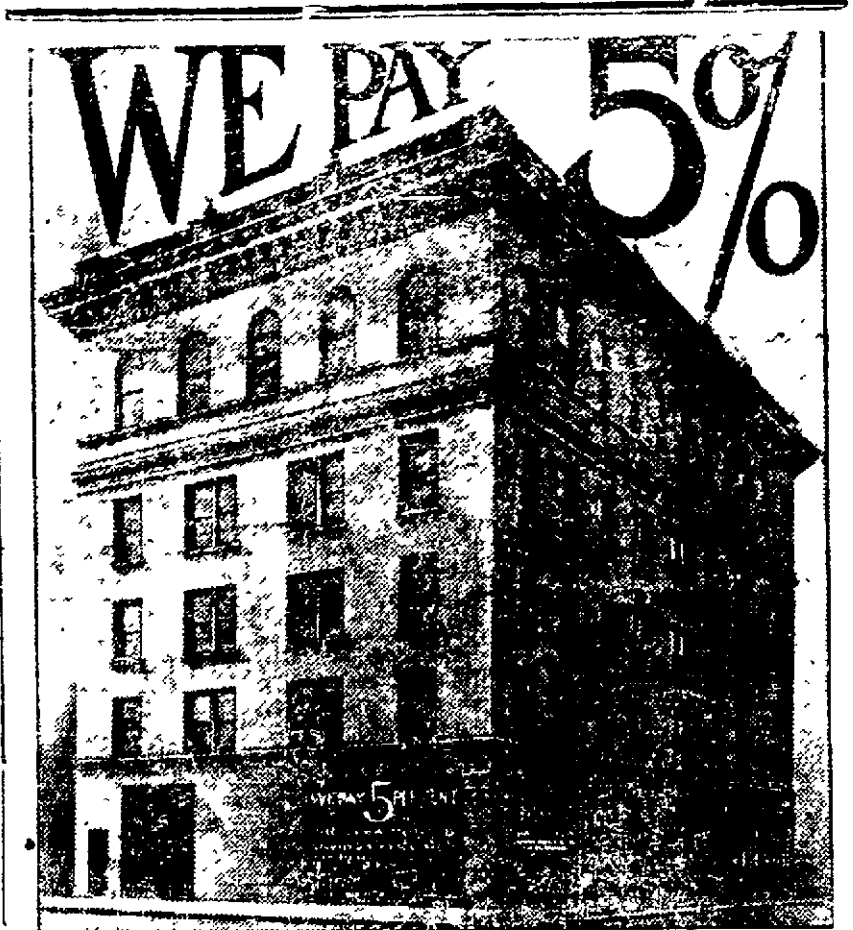
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—That the war has changed the nationality of Santa Klaus from German to Japanese has produced a line of Christmas playthings that is unique.

When the Japanese steamship Waka Maru lost her way into New York harbor after a 16,000-mile journey around the Cape of Good Hope, in order to dodge the submarines of the Teutonic nations, it was

wonderful displays from the "Cherry Blossom Kingdom" delight the hearts of parents as well as the little folks, for the inventive genius of the Japanese has produced a line of Christmas playthings that is unique.

loaded with toys. There were German girls, marvelous carved elephants, dolls, mechanical roosters which eat corn out of a bucket and no end of new and original playthings. The Japanese have been studying the toy market and have taken advantage of the international combat to bring toyroaking up to the very Oriental perfection, and they will make a strong bid for the toy market even after the war.

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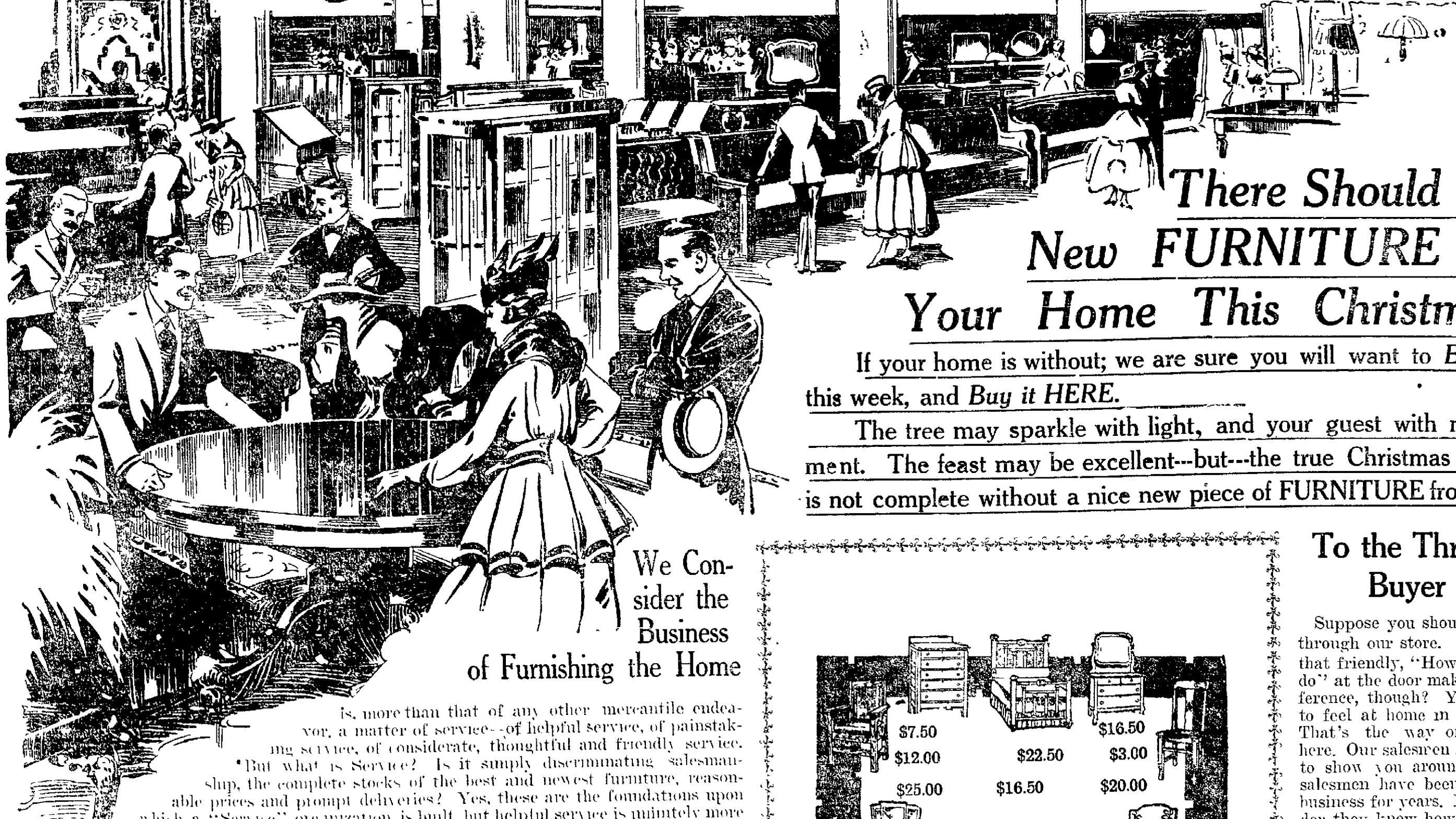
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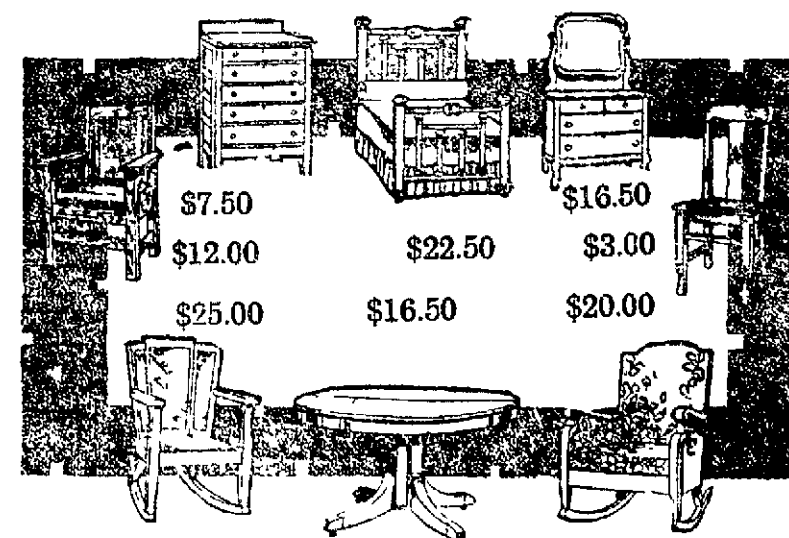
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